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QUICK PASSAGE PREDICTED FOR SIMPLIFIED TAX

Bill Would Free 30 Million From Filing Return, Make Few Changes in Liability.

FULL WITHHOLDING PROPOSED FOR 1945

Collector to Figure Final Settlement — 'Baby Bonus' in New Exemption Rates.

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP).—Swift enactment was predicted today for a new tax bill which would free about 30 million persons from the filing of income-tax returns, but make few changes in individual tax burdens.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Doughton (Dem.), North Carolina, and Representatives Carlson (Rep.), Kansas, and Robertson (Dem.), Virginia, committee members, described the bill as "a wonderful job." Chairman George (Dem.), Georgia, of the Senate Finance Committee said the Senate would act "within 10 days after the measure comes from the House."

Doughton said "nobody will be hurt much or helped much" as to the size of their tax liability.

150,000 New Taxpayers.

It was estimated the plan would bring in some 150,000 new taxpayers, whose incomes are between $555 and $624 annually, and that the effect of the new exemptions and rates would be to raise about 20 million dollars more annually in revenue.

The bill makes no change in the requirement that tax estimates and partial payments be made by this April 15 on 1944 income and leaves withholding rates unchanged this year.

If it becomes law, this is about what the bill will do:

Beginning next Jan. 1, the present 20 per cent withholding system against wages and salaries will be revised to deduct approximately the full tax liability for the approximatey 30 million who earn up to $5000.

The Government will compute the taxes on 1944 income for those with wages and salaries less than $5000. The taxpayer, after the year ends, will mail to the collector a copy of a withholding receipt, furnished by the employer, in place of the regular return, after writing on the back of the receipt the number of dependents and income other than wages and salary, if any.

The collector then will calculate the actual tax and bill the taxpayer for an additional amount or issue a refund check.

Outline of Rates.

The committee outlined the simplification-plan rates as follows:

1. For the surtax there will be a

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Cold Wave

THE TEMPERATURES

1 a. m.	44	9 a. m.	38
2 a. m.	44	10 a. m.	37
3 a. m.	43	11 a. m.	36
4 a. m.	42	12 noon	37
5 a. m.	41	1 p. m.	37
6 a. m.	40	2 p. m.	37
7 a. m.	39	3 p. m.	39
8 a. m.	38	4 p. m.	39

Normal maximum this date, 54; normal minimum, 36.

Yesterday's high, 55 (5 p. m.); low, 38 (1 a. m.).

Weather in other cities—Page 8A.

Official forecast for St. Louis and vicinity: Cold wave tonight, with occasional snow and a temperature of 18 to 24 tomorrow morning; partly cloudy and continued cold tomorrow, with diminishing winds.

Missouri: Cold wave tonight; temperatures 10 to 18 in north portion, 20 to 25 in southwest, 25 to 32 in southeast portion; cloudy and snow in east-central portion, rain turning to snow in south portion, clearing in northwest tonight; tomorrow fair in northwest, clearing east and south, warmer extreme northwest vicinity, colder in extreme south; winds 20 to 25, diminishing tomorrow and in northwest portion tonight.

Illinois: Cold wave in west and central portions and decidedly colder in extreme east portion tonight, with temperatures ranging from 5 to 10 in northwest, 10 to 15 in northeast to 20 to 25 above in extreme south portion tomorrow morning; continued cold tomorrow; partly cloudy to cloudy tonight, with snow in extreme south portion, followed by decreasing cloudiness tomorrow.

Sunset, 7:11; sunrise (tomorrow), 7:06.

Stage of the Mississippi at St. Louis, 22 feet, a rise of 3.8; the Missouri at St. Charles, 21.8 feet, a rise of 5.2.

(All weather data, including forecast and temperatures, supplied by United States Weather Bureau.)

Parents Receive Tragic 'Will' Of St. Louis Pilot Killed in Action

'I'm Glad to Have Been Able to Lay Down My Life for a Cause Which I Believed Was Just and Right.'

LT. JOHN G. KRIEGSHAUSER

Lt. John G. Kriegshauser of St. Louis, an Army bomber pilot, took off from an English air field Feb. 22 leaving what he described as his "last will and testament" to be dispatched to his parents should he fail to return.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Kriegshauser of 4964 Fairview avenue today had that final word—a moving and strangely stoic message that began with the statement, "This is a letter I hope is never mailed."

It was a tragic reply to the cable reading, "Are you O. K.? Answer," that the elder Kriegshauser sent after receiving from the War Department word that the 23-year-old officer had been killed in action over Sheffield, England.

Not "Final Word."

"This letter isn't meant to be a final word from me," Lt. Kriegshauser's letter continued, "Nor is it meant to build up false hope that I'm still alive. I am writing to let you know the various things that might take place.

"Should my ship be shot down, you would soon receive a telegram

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PLANTER PLEADS GUILTY, PEONAGE TRIAL IS HALTED

Sentenced to Two and a Half Years in Prison for Forcing Two Negroes to Work for Him.

REMAINING COUNTS DISMISSED BY U. S.

Arkansas Farmer Denied Time to Arrange Affairs Before Entering Penitentiary.

By SPENCER R. McCULLOCH
A Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

HELENA, Ark., March 18.—Albert S. Johnson, owner of a 2000-acre plantation in Arkansas, entered a plea of guilty today to Government charges of peonage, and United States District Judge Harry C. Lemley sentenced him to two years and six months in the penitentiary.

In passing sentence, Judge Lemley said, "The court is of the opinion that the Government has made a strong case and that the defendant not only committed the crime of peonage but has done so in an aggravated way. His treatment of some of the ignorant Negroes involved in the case has been so brutal as to require the court to give him a substantial sentence in a Federal Penitentiary, notwithstanding the fact that he is entitled to some allowance, which the court will make on account of his having at this time entered his plea of guilty, thereby saving the Government considerable additional expense."

Admits Two Charges.

Johnson's plea was on two counts in the indictment of 14 counts originally returned against him. The two concerned allegations of two Negro workers, Clyde Miller and Shelley McKinney, who had testified that Johnson forced them to remain on his plantation and work in the fields to repay debts.

United States Attorney Sam Rorex immediately dismissed the remaining peonage counts against Johnson.

In a brief statement to the court, Johnson asked Judge Lemley for a few days to "straighten out my affairs" and sell some of his farm equipment before he is committed to a penitentiary. This request was refused.

As the Government rested its case yesterday, Judge Lemley directed that five of the counts in the indictment be dismissed. His action followed a defense motion for a directed verdict of acquittal.

Girl's Complaint Dismissed.

The complaints dismissed by Judge Lemley included that of Miss Idell Moon, 17-year-old daughter of Mrs. Dosha Moon of Muskogee, Ok. Mrs. Moon testified that while she and her three daughters, Idell, Miss Freddie Mae Moon and Miss Marguerite Grimmett, a daughter by a previous marriage, lived at Johnson's plantation, she was "forced by fear" to be his common-law wife. Her daughters corroborated her testimony that Johnson struck the girls with a shoe when he found them in bed early one morning.

Other counts dismissed involved allegations of four Negro workers, Albert Miller, Felix Williams, Robert Watts and William (Preacher) Reddick, who yesterday said Johnson had talked to him just prior to his being called as a witness and had urged him to give false testimony that the plantation owner was "the best boss I ever had." In return, Reddick said, Johnson had promised him "money, a home and clothes as long as I have a dollar."

In directing the five counts be stricken from the indictment, Judge Lemley was bound by the legal definition of the word "peonage." Legally, the victim must be forced to work under duress to liquidate debts, "either real or pretended, against his will," for a change of peonage to apply.

Witnesses Tell of Terrorism.

During the course of the trial the evidence of Government witnesses was to the effect that

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U.S. SUBMARINES CAPELIN, SCULPIN LOST ON PATROL

Both Craft Presumably Were Operating in Pacific—Each Had Crew of About 75.

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP).—Loss of two American submarines, the Capelin and Sculpin, presumably while on war missions against Japanese shipping, was announced by the Navy today.

The losses bring to 22 the number of American submarines lost since the war started. All but three of the total have been reported overdue and presumed lost in action, probably in Pacific waters.

The Capelin and the Sculpin each carried crews of about 75 men, who are reported missing in action. Comdr. Elliott E. Marshall, Portland, Maine, was in command of the Capelin, and Comdr. Fred Connaway, of Forrest City, Ark., of the Sculpin. Connaway's wife resides at Helena, Ark.

The Navy said that Capt. John Philip Cromwell of Henry, Ill., division commander of submarines, was aboard one of the two lost craft and is listed as missing.

The Capelin was a newer type submarine, commissioned in June, 1943. Built at the Portsmouth (N. H.) Navy Yard, it had a displacement of 1525 tons. The Sculpin, built also at Portsmouth, was commissioned in January, 1939, and displaced 1475 tons.

GOVERNMENT SEEKS WAY TO REPLENISH LIQUOR STOCKS

Aim Is to Smash Black Market and Prevent Return of Prohibition.

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP).—The Government is searching for a way to replenish dwindling liquor stocks in order to smash whisky black market operations.

This became known last night after industry and officials held a closed conference with Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau and Senator McCarran (Dem.), Nevada. It was explained that the aim was to prevent any possible return of prohibition which Morganthau said might spring from liquor black markets. What form the liquor increase might take has not been disclosed, but it was learned at least six proposals are being studied.

In a letter to McCarran, the New York State Liquor Authority declared the liquor shortage was bringing back evils of the prohibition era and urged a temporary lifting of the Government bar on production of liquor for civilian consumption.

PERSONNEL CHIEF CRITICISES NOLTE ON MERIT FUNDS

Bruce Says Comptroller Is Responsible for Financial Restriction on System.

Thor W. Bruce, acting Director of Personnel, told a Post-Dispatch reporter today that, in his opinion, blame for restriction of funds of the relatively new municipal civil service system should be placed on Comptroller Louis Nolte, veteran head of the fiscal department.

"Everything seems to lead up to Louis Nolte's door," said Bruce. "I have heard time and again that he seems to be against the system. Certainly he hasn't been friendly to it. He stifled presentation to the Constitutional Convention by Associate City Counselor H. A. Hamilton of a retirement plan for city employes. Nolte tried to freeze city salaries as of Jan. 31, in making up the new budget, without providing for subsequent increases allowed by civil service.

"No other direct instances of Nolte's attitude have come to my attention, but it is pretty well known he is against civil service. It would be interesting to get him to commit himself in black and white."

Nolte Won't Comment.

Nolte, informed of Bruce's statement, merely smiled and said, "No comment."

Bruce has said that Budget Director Erwin G. Schubkegel, who is Assistant Comptroller, notified him that the Personnel Department's appropriation for the coming fiscal year would be the minimum provided for by the charter, or about $58,000, whereas Bruce has insisted that $77,400 was needed. Schubkegel, asserting that he could operate an efficient merit system for $40,000 a year, said he did not know yet what would be recommended for the department.

Mayor Aloys P. Kaufmann is "all out" for civil service, while Aldermanic President Edgar S. Nicolai is against it, Bruce asserted. The Mayor, Nolte and Nicolai comprise the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, which has failed to act on Bruce's recent request for $15,000 extra for providing full examination facilities for temporary employes.

Theory on Animosity.

No opinion as to the stand of the Board of Aldermen on civil service was expressed by Bruce. However, he suggested that "some of the animosity" at City Hall was due to a belief that R. Elliott Scearce, Personnel Director, now on leave with the Army, had told

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Paris Killer Said to Have Watched Death of Victims With Periscope

LONDON, March 18 (AP).—The Berlin radio said today that a house in a Paris suburb, in which bodies of persons believed to be victims of a "Bluebeard" killer have been found, contained a death chamber fitted with arc lights and a periscope through which the slayer watched the dying agonies of his women victims.

The Vichy radio asserted Thursday night that a physician, for whom police are searching throughout France, had been indicted for the murders of some 30 persons.

Karl Schmidt, a German crime reporter, said in the Berlin broadcast that the killer drugged his victims in an ante-chamber, tied them to rings set into the wall in the death room and then watched through a periscope, one end of which was only eight inches from his victims' faces as they struggled.

After they died, he continued, their bodies were dropped through a trap door into a trench filled with quicklime.

The broadcast said additional women's clothing was found in the villa yesterday, some of it bearing the mark of a fashionable Paris firm, but that detectives had no clue to the whereabouts of the fugitive.

DNB, the German news agency, said yesterday that nine complete skeletons had been recovered from the lime pit and a furnace in the villa.

CHURCHILL VOICES HOPE OF DECISIVE 1944 BLOWS IN NEARLY EVERY THEATER

LONDON, March 18 (AP).

PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL expressed the hope today that the war in nearly every theater would reach "decisive stages" this year.

In a message to the "Salute the Soldier" fund campaign he said:

"During this year the men in the British armies will be engaged in nearly every theater of war throughout the world in what we hope may prove to be the decisive stages in this great conflict."

5TH ARMY TROOPS SMASHING ENEMY STRONGPOINTS ON EDGES OF CASSINO

Germans Recapture Hill, but Indians Cling to Two They Won — Air Support Bolsters Morale in Beachhead.

By GEORGE TUCKER

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY AT THE ANZIO BEACHHEAD, March 18 (AP).—Wave after wave of Allied bombers struck at German defenses ringing the beachhead below Rome this morning.

The first waves to roar over Anzio were barely perceptible in the early morning light as they broke out of the clouds hanging over the harbor and dumped their bombs on the German lines a few miles away.

The return of Allied bombers to this area lifted morale on the entire beachhead, since the Germans for the third night in a row had stepped up their own air activities, keeping troops in foxholes and shelters.

Nazis Using "First Teams."

The Germans apparently were making a determined night effort to knock out key installations. The enemy planes were led into the target area by determined "pathfinders."

The tenacity of the pathfinders in the flak-filled sky led one ranking officer to remark that the Germans were using their "first team."

One stick of German bombs fell in an advanced Allied ambulance aid clearing station, killing 12 persons and wounding 85. This bombing apparently was not intentional.

The German raiders made more than 30 passes at the port after the flares were dropped before unloading their bombs.

ALLIES SMASHING NAZI STRONGPOINTS

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, March 18 (AP). — Allied troops are driving the Germans from one strong point after another in the southwest corner of devastated Cassino and the rugged hills extending from the town to the monastery above, headquarters announced today.

The Germans continued to hold out in the corner of the town against a closely - co-ordinated Allied infantry, tank and air attack. Fighting raged around the peaks and ridges in the hills west of the town, with the Allies losing one height to a German counter-

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ROOSEVELT PERSONAL CHOICE OF CHAIRMAN HANNEGAN

St. Louisan Says, However, He Is Not Lining Up Delegates for President.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 18 (AP).—Robert E. Hannegan, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said today his personal preference for the Democratic presidential nomination is President Roosevelt.

"I have been asked whether I am trying to line up delegates to renominate President Roosevelt at the national convention," he said at a press conference. "The answer is no."

"I shall work for the success of the nominee in November, whoever he may be. I have also been asked if I have any personal preference. The answer is yes, President Roosevelt."

Hannegan asserted he had no personal preference for the vice-presidential nomination, saying he would support the candidate chosen at the convention.

Hannegan will address Western New York Democratic leaders at a dinner tonight.

SWEDE SAYS TROOPS FIRED ON BERLINERS OPPOSING WAR

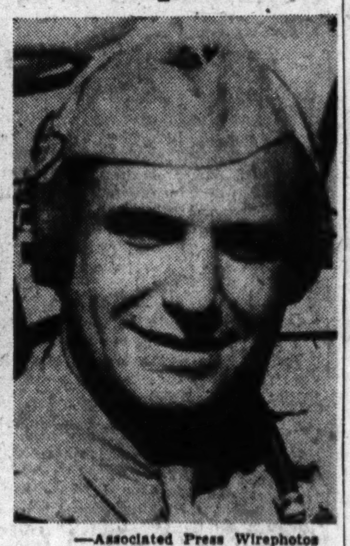
Traveler Tells of Demonstration, Says Dutch SS Forces Are Being Sent to Capital.

STOCKHOLM, March 18 (AP).—A Swedish traveler arriving at Maemoe today from Denmark said he saw German troops firing on anti-war demonstrators in Potsdammer Platz in Berlin last Friday.

He was unable to say whether any of the demonstrators had been killed or wounded.

He also said that Dutch SS troops had arrived in Berlin to replace many of the capital's German SS troops who are now on the eastern front.

Burma Base Built and Garrisoned In 24 Hours in Airborne Operations



—Associated Press Wirephotos

COL. PHILIP G. COCHRAN *JACKIE COOGAN*

COL. COCHRAN, of Erie, Pa., commanded the special air commando unit which landed Allied engineers and soldiers behind Japanese lines in Burma, to establish a strategic base. Coogan, former movie star, who piloted a glider, was the first man to land.

U. S. Engineers Carve Out Airstrip in Night and Day, British Troops Follow.

By FRANK L. MARTIN

ON THE INDIA-BURMA FRONTIER, March 18 (AP).—American engineers and British infantrymen, landed by American gliders and transports, have carved out an airstrip and land base behind Japanese lines in North Central Burma and placed a strong force squarely across supply lines linking the enemy's northern and southern armies.

Details of the daring assault were disclosed today, nearly two weeks after the operation established a strong Allied position more than 100 miles south of where Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, with his Chinese and American regiments, is driving southward to clear the way for a new supply line to China.

The green-clad British and Indian infantry forces were flown into the Burma jungle from India bases by a special air Commando task force, first proposed at the Quebec conference of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill.

Avoided Jungle Trek.

Commanded by Col. Philip G. Cochran of Erie, Pa., the special air unit was whipped into shape by the United States Army Air Force as a solution to the problem of getting a strong ground force into the heart of Burma without struggling through the mountainous jungle.

The unit is composed of a group of flyers, their pals and brothers and their brothers' friends. Most of the men knew each other long before coming overseas. There are four brother teams in the outfit.

Col. Cochran has a brother with him, Cpl. Joseph Cochran of Erie, Pa. The other brother teams are:

Lt. Charles F. Moore and Staff Sgt. James W. Moore of Uniontown, Pa.; Lt. F. E. W. Postlewait of Manor, Pa., and Staff Sgt. William H. Postlewait of Punxustawney, Pa.; Maj. Sampson Smith of Beckley, W. Va., and Sgt. George Smith of Hampton, Va.

Cochran's unit was composed of American airmen hand picked for their skill and daring. They were men who had either already been decorated for outstanding achievements in other war theaters or had had many years of Army training.

Scores of the planes with the Commandos were under the command of 28-year-old Andrew P. Robert, Barrington, Ill.

Cochran is known as the origi-

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RUSSIAN TROOPS DRIVE TO PREWAR RUMANIA BORDER

German Sixth Army Routed, 36,000 Killed, Moscow Reports—Zhmerinka Taken.

LONDON, March 18 (AP).—Moscow announced tonight that Russian troops had reached the Dniester River and occupied Yampol on the Bessarabian border, the pre-war Rumanian boundary, and had scored new advances in other sectors on the southern front.

The Soviet communique reported the capture of more than 50 populated places west and southwest of Dubno, in the drive into old Poland below Luck (Lutsk).

Earlier, Premier Stalin, in the second of two orders of the day, announced the capture of Zhmerinka, important junction on the Odessa-Lwow-Warsaw trunk railway north of Yampol, and below the German base of Vinnitsa.

Second Rail Point Taken.

In his special order, Premier Stalin proclaimed the capture of Pomoshnaya, junction of the north-south Odessa-Kirovograd railway and the last German-held east-west railway extending from the lower Ukraine bulge, Novo-Ukrainka five miles above Pomoshnaya. The capture of Novo-Ukrainka was first announced in last night's Soviet communique.

Stalin said Zhmerinka fell "as the result of two days of stubborn fighting," to troops of Marshal Ivan S. Konev's Second Ukrainian Army.

The German Sixth Army has been routed by Gen. Rodion Malinovsky's Third Ukrainian Army, the communique said, with 36,000 Germans killed in 11 days.

The German Sixth Army was destroyed at Stalingrad, but presumably it had been reconstituted. The new blow apparently was dealt along the lower Bug in Nikolasv region where Malinovsky's army has been operating.

Other Soviet forces driving on old Poland and old Rumania northwest of Vinnitsa have forced the Bug River in that area and

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British Bombers Using 'Magic Eye' To Spot Night Fighters, Nazis Say

STOCKHOLM, March 18 (AP).—An ingenious "magic eye" which enables British bombers to detect the approach of German night fighter planes is one of several new gadgets the Nazis say the British are using in the current aerial offensives.

The Berlin correspondent of Dagens Nyheter described the device as a combination acoustical and optical instrument which lights a colored lamp in the pilot's compartment when other aircraft come within a certain range. The device is said to sound a distinctive warning in the pilot's headphones.

While the device does not distinguish between friendly and enemy aircraft, it nevertheless alerts the bomber crews, the story said.

The same report also told of a special type of small radio transmitter suspended from a small balloon which bombers—presumably the pathfinder raid leaders—release over the target in cloudy or heavy weather.

The Nazis say the transmitter automatically emits a constant radio tone to which later bomber waves can tune to get a directional "fix."

The Germans reported the Allies are also using an extremely powerful flare bomb which turns night into daylight for photographic reconnaissance.

16 YANK CRAFT FORCED DOWN IN SWITZERLAND, BERN REPORTS

Berlin Says Strong Attacking Force Was Engaged in Fierce Air Fights on Way Across France, Germany.

BERN, March 18 (AP).—Sixteen American bombers came down in Switzerland early this afternoon, a Government communique announced.

This record number of United States planes landing in neutral territory in an emergency indicated the great strength involved in today's Allied raid on Southern Germany.

Three of the 16 planes crashed in flames, but most of the crewmen parachuted safely. All of the landings were made in the vicinity of Zurich.

LONDON, March 18 (AP).—Very strong forces of American heavy bombers smashed through German fighter opposition to attack aircraft plants, airfields and other war industries in southern Germany today, United States Strategic Air Force Headquarters announced.

The bombers were escorted by Lightnings, Thunderbolts and Mustangs in "very great strength," the announcement said. The phrase "very strong forces" indicated that 750 to 1000 Flying Fortresses and Liberators participated in the assault. With its escort, the attacking force probably numbered between 1500 and 2000 planes.

The heavy blow from British bases followed an attack in the Vienna area yesterday by four-engined American bombers from Italy and a raid by Royal Air Force Mosquitoes against undisclosed targets in western Germany last night. (A German broadcast said "nuisance aircraft from the south" again had penetrated Nazi territory today.)

Fierce Fighting Reported.

The Berlin radio, which said the American bomber formations crossed into Southwestern Germany at noon, reported violent air battles across France and Germany. Strong forces of German fighters rose to meet the bombers, the broadcast said. An alert was sounded in Basel, Switzerland, as the American craft droned on eastward.

It was the thirteenth mission of the month for the American heavy bombers which had hit Berlin four times and other sections of Germany six times before today's assault.

The southern section of Germany has been hit day and night by Allied air power as the month progressed and as the bombers reached out ever farther to strike at the enemy's war production. Yesterday the big Allied bombers

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Today's War News

LONDON—Hundreds of American bombers and fighters attack targets in Southern Germany in face of heavy enemy fighter opposition; raid follows night attack by R. A. F. Mosquitoes on western Germany and Nazi raid on London causing some casualties.

ANZIO BEACHHEAD—Waves of Allied bombers strike at German positions around beachhead below Rome.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES—Allied troops slowly pushing Germans back in close quarters fighting in Cassino and on nearby heights; one hill position lost to Nazi counterattack.

MOSCOW — Russians occupy Yampol on Dniester River, the border of Bessarabia and prewar Rumanian boundary; German Sixth Army routed on lower Bug, 36,000 of foe reported killed in 11 days; Zhmerinka, rail junction taken; new gains made in old Poland.

WASHINGTON. — Navy announces loss of submarines Capelin and Sculpin, with about 150 men; American bombers hit at Japan's Kurile Islands and at enemy positions in Carolines.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—Americans capture Lorengau airport on Manus Island, in Admiralties, and advance on town of same name; Gen. MacArthur announces Japanese attack on American positions on Bougainville has been broken after seven days' fighting.

U. S. PLANES RAID JAP POSITIONS IN KURILES 6 TIMES WITHIN TWO DAYS

Four Atolls in Marshalls Also Attacked—Yanks Capture Manus Airfield in Drive in the Admiralties.

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP). —American planes struck at the Japanese Kurile Islands Thursday and Friday, dropping bombs on three positions there in six raids.

One of the attacks took an Army bomber south toward the mainland of Japan to loose bombs on Matsuwa Island, 150 miles south of the big enemy base at Paramushiro, which was hit twice by other bombing planes.

Two attacks were made on Shimushu by Navy bombers, which encountered no fighter opposition and only light antiaircraft fire. Army bombers also attacked that island, which is in the Japanese homeland island chain, on Friday.

The Navy also announced attacks on four enemy-held atolls in the Eastern Marshall Islands, in which at least one large explosion was caused by American bombs and fires were started on one of the unidentified atolls.

JAP DRIVE BROKEN ON BOUGAINVILLE

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, March 18 (AP).—American forces on Manus Island in the Admiralties have captured Lorengau's airdrome and are attacking Japanese defenses around the town itself, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

His communique reported that on Bougainville in the Solomons the Japanese offensive against the American beachhead at Empress Augusta Bay "has completely broken down," and that the enemy forces had been "dispersed and decimated" following the seven-day bitter fight which started on March 8.

The Lorengau airstrip fell Thursday under a two-pronged attack from the north and west by dismounted troops of the First Cavalry Division supported by broadsides from American destroyers.

The Americans then pressed southward toward the town of Lorengau, eliminating strong enemy pillbox defenses with mortar and tank fire to reach a point only 600 yards from their objective. The town lies at the northeast corner of Manus, and is considered the remaining Japanese strongpoint on the jungle-covered island. Possession would give the Americans a firm grip on the eastern end of Seadler (Sea Eagle) harbor.

Heavy Jap Loss on Bougainville.

In the smashing of the Japanese drive on Bougainville, MacArthur said, more than 1100 Japanese dead lie within the American lines and "his total casualties are many times this." American losses through Tuesday were put at 123 killed and 747 wounded.

Fred Hampson, Associated Press war correspondent, wrote from Guadalcanal that the final assault at dawn Wednesday cost the enemy 195 dead.

Hampson said a considerable force of the enemy struck the Americal Division sector on the northeastern segment of the perimeter and effected a slight penetration of the defenders' lines, but that the Americans restored their lines by a quick counterattack supported by tanks.

In sporadic fighting in the southeast sector of the perimeter, the Americans' heavy antiaircraft guns were depressed and used as ground artillery with good results and a destroyer hovering offshore was reported to have knocked out a six-inch enemy gun.

Japanese artillery again shelled Piva airfield on Empress Augusta Bay, Hampson wrote, causing light damage which Navy Seabees speedily repaired. This field previously had been reported neutralized by the proximity of the Japanese.

Liberators Hit Soerabaja.

Liberator heavy bombers flew 2400 miles roundtrip to stage a surprise night raid on Japanese installations at the one-time important Dutch naval base at Soerabaja, Java, in the Netherlands East Indies. Twenty-four tons of bombs were dropped. All planes returned.

Clouds prevented accurate check of damage done at Soerabaja and also at Den Pasar airdrome on nearby Bali.

Wewak, the Japanese New Guinea base, was raided Thursday for the sixth consecutive day, 143 tons of bombs being dropped to bring the raid series total to 899. The previous five attacks had cost the Japanese 65 intercepting planes. No enemy planes came up Thursday.

The air war on the Japanese base at Rabaul, New Britain, continued with Solomons-based bombers of all categories and fighter planes equipped with bombs hitting Lakunai, Tobera and Rapopo airstrips and starting fires in the Vunapope supply area.

Liberator heavy bomber crews reported that three-fourths of the Rapopo strip was left unserviceable. Torpedo and dive bomber pilots said the Tobera strip, hit with 33 tons, was entirely useless.

Altogether, 135 tons of bombs were dropped on Rabaul's airfields and installations in five raids Wednesday, and fighter planes wrecked five barges in the harbor.

F.D.R., CHURCHILL MAY MEET AGAIN, SEE STALIN LATER

Need for U. S.-British Talks Results From Italian, Yugoslav, Polish Political Situations.

By JUDSON O'QUINN

LONDON, March 18 (AP). —President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill may meet after the London visit of Edward R. Stettinius Jr., Under Secretary of State, to iron out political questions, and the possibility of another three-power conference with Premier Joseph Stalin was suggested today by reports from non-British diplomats.

The need for Churchill and Roosevelt to get together again was accented by the Italian, Yugoslav and Polish political situations and recent discussions of terms with Finland and some of Germany's satellites.

The groundwork for the talks may be laid in Stettinius' conferences here with British leaders.

After Roosevelt and Churchill decide their position on such questions it is likely they would seek Stalin's accord.

Churchill in his speech Feb. 22 said no plans had yet been made for another three-power conference, but hinted at others to come. He said there would be no differences between the Big Three if the leaders could sit down for discussions frequently.

HUNDREDS OF U. S., BRITISH BOMBERS ATTACKING REICH

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flew over the Alps from bases in Italy to loose heavy explosives on Vienna, in old Austria, and Britain-based Marauders resumed attacks against communications in France and Holland.

The German-controlled Vichy radio said 22 bombers and 12 fighters were shot down in the Vienna attack, adding that "many planes were believed to have crashed in snowdrifts in the Alps."

Losses Not Specified.

United States headquarters did not immediately specify the number of planes failing to return, but Allied headquarters at Naples said 11 planes were lost in all operations of the Mediterranean Air Force yesterday.

The Paris radio said 25 persons were killed and 30 wounded in a "British-American" attack yesterday on Oise. It referred apparently to the American Marauder blow against the railway center of Creil, 30 miles north of Paris.

Last night's Mosquito forays were the thirteenth of the month for the wooden bombers and they returned without loss. In their operations during March they have hit Berlin twice, Hamburg, Duesseldorf and Frankfurt each once, and attacked a number of unspecified targets.

Wide Range of Targets.

The assault on Vienna, second city in greater Germany and the site of many ministries driven from devastated Berlin, was coordinated with other extensive daylight raids from Italy.

The Marauders' attack on the rail center of Creil, 30 miles north of Paris and serving both the German garrison in Paris and installations closer to the Atlantic wall, was the ninth of the month against transportation points behind that section of the anti-invasion front. No Marauders were lost, but two fighters did not return.

United States Thunderbolts bombed air fields in northern France and Holland yesterday afternoon. Targets in northern France also were hit by Mosquitoes.

Targets Not Disclosed.

Allied headquarters in Italy did not immediately announce the targets in Vienna, but it was believed they included railway facilities and port installations on the Danube. (The Algiers radio said the target was an aircraft factory.)

Returning crews said some formations met small numbers of enemy fighters and that extremely heavy flak was encountered over Vienna.

About 40 German planes challenged the Fortresses on the way home and five of them fell to the guns of the heavy bombers. Liberators also participated in the raid, in which the bombs were dropped through breaks in a heavy overcast which prevented observation of the results. Lightnings and Thunderbolts escorted the bombers.

A few German raiders were over the London area last night and bombs hit two hospitals, causing some casualties on the top floors. Some bomb damage also was reported in a southeast coast town.

Bearing Plants Hit Hard.

Three important ball bearing factories are known to have been damaged seriously on Feb. 24 when Schweinfurt was hit once in daylight by American bombers and twice at night by R. A. F. heavy bombers, the Air Ministry announced today. They are the Kugel Fischer factory and the V. F. K. Werke plants one and two.

Two other factories, the Deutsche Star Kugelhalter and the Fichtel and Sachs—both connected with the ball bearing industry—were damaged badly during the attack, the report said.

Almost all the machine shops were destroyed and more than half the dispatch center of the Kugel Fischer foundry were destroyed, it continued, and many other buildings were damaged by fire bombs.

Schweinfurt, one of the most important industrial towns its size in Germany, produces about 50 per cent of the Reich's ball bearings.

GREEN ISLANDERS FASCINATED BY SEABEE'S FALSE TEETH

(By a Marine Corps Correspondent.)

GREEN ISLAND, NEW IRELAND GROUP (Delayed).—Natives of this newly occupied island have received their biggest thrill not from planes, guns or bulldozers, but from the false teeth of an American Seabee.

Passing a native village yesterday, the Seabee was invited in to a meal of roast pig. When he casually pulled out his upper plate, the natives gathered around, gesticulating excitedly, and the Seabee had to put the plate back in and remove it several times.

When the Seabee left, one of the natives followed him back to camp. Later a delegation called at his tent, bearing baskets of fruit as gifts. Today the natives invited him to another feast, to which they have invited other islanders.

EIRE ENVOY SAYS AXIS AGENTS CAN'T SEND MESSAGES

Germans' Only Communication With Reich Is by Cable Through London, He Asserts.

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP).—Eire's Minister to the United States, Robert Brennan, denies that Axis diplomats are carrying on any successful espionage in Ireland.

"We know," Brennan told a press conference yesterday, "that the German legation has no means of transmitting to Germany any information they may obtain. They have no diplomatic pouch or diplomatic couriers. They have no telephonic communication. They have no wireless transmitter.

"Then can communicate only by cable which passes through London. Therefore, they can transmit no message that the British are unwilling to forward. . . . I cannot reconcile the uneasiness of the American Government on the question of Axis espionage in Ireland except by saying the American Government is grossly misinformed."

Dispatching of such information by submarine across the English Channel would be impossible, Brennan said, "because of the Irish coast-watching service, and because it would require an efficient and widespread organization we know does not exist."

Brennan said the German consulate in Dublin had a staff of five, while the Japanese had two in theirs, and asserted:

"They can't do a damned thing except to go out and play golf, perhaps."

De Valera Recalls Past Crises in Urging Firmness.

LONDON, March 18 (AP).—Prime Minister Eamon de Valera, who recently turned down a United States request that Axis diplomatic offices in Eire be closed, declared in a St. Patrick's day speech last night that Eire exists as a nation because in past struggles its people did not "cede their rights or surrender their will."

Past crises "found our nation as in other days with qualities which I feel we can call upon unreservedly today," he said, adding:

"We are no newcomer among nations. Our nationhood is no status recently conferred on us from outside. But it is something peculiarly our own with its origins deep into the past with its development a significant portion of world's history."

De Valera made no direct reference to the United States or Britain, which backed up the American request through border restrictions to guard against any leakage of important military information to the Axis diplomats in Eire.

He expressed Eire's concern for the Pope, saying, "We pray God may be pleased to avert the doom which seems to threaten Rome and his people."

ARREST OF 97 PAROLEES FOR VIOLATIONS ORDERED

The arrest of 97 parolees from the Court of Criminal Correction who have failed to make regular reports to the court parole office, was ordered yesterday by Judge Louis Comerford. A total of 258 parolees have become delinquent Judge Comerford reported recently. Last week, he ordered 50 delinquents arrested on sight, and is now preparing arrest orders for the rest, he said.

Most of the parolees were convicted of non-support of their families. They will be committed to serve out their Workhouse terms unless they can offer legitimate excuses for failure to report.

Band Leader Harry Tucker Dies.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., March 18 (AP).—Harry Tucker, an orchestra leader for more than 25 years, died of a heart attack in his apartment here yesterday. He was 55 years old. He began his musical career as a protege of Victor Herbert. He was musical director for the Columbia Broadcasting System for several years.

Printers To Vote on AFL.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 18 (AP).—Acting on petition of 129 local unions the executive council of the International Typographical Union has ordered submitted to a referendum vote on May 17 the question of reaffiliation with the American Federation of Labor.

RUSSIA REPORTED MASSING TROOPS ON FINNISH FRONT

Helsinki Pessimistic but Some Quarters Cling to Hope of Saving Peace Negotiations.

STOCKHOLM, March 18 (AP). —Heavy Russian troop movements in the vicinity of Kandalaksha behind the Northern Finland front were reported today in a Berlin dispatch to the newspaper Svenska Dagbladet.

On the Finnish side, the paper said, truckloads of troops and material have been heading for the Russian front in a steady stream in recent weeks.

Edwin Shanke, Associated Press correspondent, wrote from Helsinki that Finnish political quarters there still clung to the hope —admittedly faint—of saving the peace negotiations with Russia, despite general pessimism following rejection of Soviet terms by the Diet (parliament) Wednesday.

Announcement Expected.

Recognizing that time is running out fast, Shanke said, these sources asserted Finland still wants to negotiate an armistice, but at the same time feels it ought to have an opportunity to get a more precise idea of the terms before going to the Kremlin.

According to these quarters, this probably is the essence of Finland's new reply to Moscow, which is reported now to have been delivered. An official commmunique on the Finnish Government's position is expected this evening.

In the first Finnish editorial comment on the appeals of President Roosevelt and King Gustav of Sweden for Finland to get out of the war, the newspaper Sanomat said:

"The making of peace does not depend on the country which is weaker, but on the one which can dictate the terms. We can only wish that these appeals had also been addressed to the party which wanted to dictate the peace (meaning Russia)."

Hull's Remarks on Break.

(In Washington Secretary of State Hull told reporters that any question of an American break with Finland was a question of the future. Future action will depend on what Finland does to get out of what President Roosevelt called its "hateful partnership" with Germany).

The Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter said in a Helsinki dispatch that Oskari Tokoi, former Finnish Premier, has been freed by presidential order of charges which made him liable to trial in Finland if he ever returned. Tokoi headed Finland's revolutionary government from March to July, 1917 when he resigned and fled the country. He now is a resident of Fitchburg, Mass., and the editor of a Finnish American newspaper.

Last Chance to Quit War, Soviet Magazine Warns Finns.

MOSCOW, March 18 (AP).—The Soviet trade union journal War and the Working Class said today that "if the Finnish Government destroys its last chance to get out of the war it will thusly prove to the entire world that it places the interests of Fascist Germany—which strives to prolong the war —above the interests of saving Finland from death with Hitler."

The magazine gave the definite impression that the opinion prevails in Moscow that Finland's failure to accept Russia's now month-old offer to negotiate an armistice is based on the Finnish Government's reluctance to break off with the Nazis.

"If this is the situation," the magazine asked the Finns, "why did you approach the Soviet Government with questions on Soviet conditions for an armistice? Why did you assure and continue to assure that you were waging your separate war to retain the independence of Finland as its only aim."

UNITED PRESS SHUTS DOWN IN ARGENTINA ON NEWS BAR

BUENOS AIRES, March 18 (AP). —News gathering and distribution activities of the United Press in Argentina were shut down at noon today as the consequence of a Post Office Department order suspending its communications facilities.

It was announced last night that the United Press and its Argentine affiliate, La Prensa Unida, would be denied transmission facilities.

The announcement said the action, which means in effect that the United Press is forbidden to receive or transmit by cable or radio either from abroad or within the country, was taken because the news agency had violated terms under which the concessions were granted.

RUMORS OF ROYAL WEDDING

LONDON, March 18 (AP).—Twenty-year-old King Peter of Yugoslavia and Princess Alexandra of Greece, 23, whose betrothal was announced last August, may be married within the next few days, according to persistent rumors in London.

Peter came here from Cairo a week ago. They met in 1942 at Cambridge University where he was studying and she was training as a Red Cross nurse.

25,000 Political Prisoners in Spain.

MADRID, March 18 (AP).—The conditional release of 56,326 political prisoners since March 1 of last year leaves only 25,000 prisoners charged with rebellion in jail in Spain, the Spanish press announced yesterday.

RUBBER DIRECTOR OBJECTS TO DRAFT OF ALL UNDER 26

Asserts He Won't Be Able to Replace Young Technicians Affected by New Policy.

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP). —Production of synthetic rubber is being held up by the shortage of workers, Rubber Director Bradley Dewey reported today in a plea for retention of the industry's young key technicians.

Voicing the first official complaint of industries likely to be hit by the announced plan to take into the armed forces practically all of the 250,000 men under 26 years old who have been deferred for occupational reasons, Dewey said:

"If at this late date, the industry finds itself in a position where its young, irreplacable, highly-trained technical men are drafted, it will be impossible to operate some plants satisfactorily or to carry forward to completion some vital researches."

His assertions followed a hint from President Roosevelt that the chief executive is leaning toward the armed services' view that virtually all physically fit men under 26 must be drafted, that it is a case of men first and materials second.

His Chief Complaint.

Making his fifth progress report, Dewey aimed his protest chiefly at the expected draft of key men between the ages of 22 and 26.

"It is hoped that a way will be found," he said, "by which it will be recognized that these irreplaceable men, irrespective of their personal desires to join the fighting forces, are of maximum value to the country in their present positions."

The rubber director pointed out that in many cases the special training needed has been given only a few years, so that "the companies and institutions operating the plants and doing research work in these fields have been forced to use very young men."

About 22 million synthetic rubber tires will be built for passenger cars this year, Dewey predicted, instead of the 30 million previously estimated to be necessary to replace the worn rubber on civilian automobiles.

"A continuing shortage" for the average motorist was forecast, for only seven million of the tires scheduled can be built by midyear.

Dewey emphasized that the passenger tire shortage was a matter of materials rather than man power. Women can fabricate the lighter tires for private automobiles, he said, but production deliberately is being held down to a million a month for the first half of this year to divert materials to heavier military and truck and bus tires.

The estimate of 22 million civilian tires for this year is not new, but merely more precise. Previous long-range estimates had ranged from 18 million to 24 million.

Man Power Troubles.

Man power troubles which will be aggravated by tighter draft rules, Dewey said, are largely in synthetic rubber factories, the chemical operations of new plants, and fabrication of heavier tires.

The new synthetic plants are turning out rubber in greater quantity than natural rubber was consumed in any year prior to 1941, it was observed, but "insatiable and immediate" military demands are taking the lion's share.

Implied in the report was criticism of the War Production Board for slowness in bringing high-tenacity rayon cord production up to the pace of synthetic rubber manufacture. This situation also is contributing to the drain on the country's reserve of natural rubber, Dewey said, because the lack of rayon cord makes it impossible to substitute synthetic for natural in large military tires.

8 CONGRESSMEN ASK DONNELL TO BACK SOLDIER VOTE BILL

JEFFERSON CITY, March 18 (AP).—Gov. Forrest C. Donnell today received a telegraphic request from Missouri's eight Republican congressmen, urging him to support the "states' rights" soldier vote bill passed by Congress this week.

The text of the message:

"We ask you to support the right of every soldier to vote a full ballot—federal, state and local—and to support wholly the state plan with names of all candidates printed on the ballot.

"More than one ballot would confuse the soldiers and open the door to rank frauds. Congress has repeatedly voted for state constitutional ballot and we ask you to wire the President that Missouri will furnish state ballots for delivery to all soldiers."

MacArthur Leaves Canberra.

CANBERRA, March 18 (AP).—Gen. Douglas MacArthur left Canberra today in a Flying Fortress after holding a lengthy conference with Prime Minister John Curtin. They discussed future Pacific strategy which Curtin will advocate at a London conference of Prime Ministers.

PRESIDENT WORKS OUT WAY FOR DEALING WITH FRENCH

Discloses He Has Prepared Formula for Eisenhower to Follow but Does Not Give Details.

By RAYMOND P. BRANDT
Chief Washington Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—President Roosevelt disclosed at his press conference late yesterday that several days ago he had completed a formula to guide Gen. Eisenhower in his dealing with the French Committee for National Liberation, but hastened to add that for obvious security reasons he could not tell what it was.

Asked where the formula was, he replied that it was in the State Department, in his own map room in the White House and, he thought, in London. He was not questioned further about his decision.

The conference was about evenly divided between international and labor questions. He disclosed that he, like Secretary of State Hull, had no advance notice of Russia's intention to recognize the Badoglio government in Italy.

"Will that recognition have any impact on the general international situation?" he was asked. He said he did not think it would have any impact, that such a conclusion would be very far-fetched.

Question On Ireland.

The President was wearing a light green suit and a green necktie in commemoration of St. Patrick's day. On his desk was a small pot of shamrocks.

"In view of the color scheme," a reporter asked, "is there anything you care to say about the Irish situation?"

The President laughed, but his only comment was that when the Irish question is brought up, most people think in terms of controversy. Still joking, he added that of course, in this country the question was not controversial.

Asked whether our relationship with Finland was still in status quo, he said it was at this end, but that he did not know how it was on the other side.

This question was apparently a feeler for verification of rumors that this country might break with Finland if that country refused to break with Germany. It produced no verification.

Geographer to Go to London.

Still on international affairs, the President said Dr. Isaiah Bowman of Johns Hopkins University was going to the London conferences of Under Secretary of State Stettinius because he knew more about geography than any person in the room.

"Does that mean that territorial questions will be discussed in London?" a reporter asked.

The President replied no, and then reverted to his joking technique, which he often uses to avoid embarrassing questions. Dr. Bowman, he said, knew all about bananas, where they grew, and how they entered trade. He would, the President explained, be able to talk about such subjects. He got the expected laughs.

The President said he did not think he had seen the so-called "peace pamphlet" the Allies are dropping on Germany, the text of which, it is reported here, is being held up by British censorship in London. The President added he had read some of the literature being dropped on Germany and that it seemed all right to him.

Working on Man Power.

Replying to domestic questions, the President said that he expected to spend today and tomorrow studying the man-power problem, and that he hoped to arrive at some sort of solution early next week. He described the problem as awfully difficult because of the shortage of men under 26 years old, who make the best soldiers and sailors. Men over that age, he continued, cannot stand up under the hardships of war.

Most men under 26 are not terribly indispensable to war industries, but a few are, he said, and these few who cannot be replaced by green men should be retained in vital war work. Older men, he said, could be found to replace most of the drafted men under 26.

Asked if he agreed with the WPB estimate that drafting of about 40,000 men under 26 should be deferred, he said the question was whether the war might be lost on the battlefront or at home. Any plan, he said, had to be flexible enough to meet conditions which change from month to month. By next month, he observed, some new instrument of war might be needed in large quantities, more than had been planned for. The whole thing, he concluded, was like a jigsaw puzzle.

Labor Conference.

The conference began on a labor note, when he emphasized that it would be a good thing to say something about the International Labor Office conference of 34 nations which will convene in Philadelphia April 20. This, he said, would be a very important meeting because the I. L. O. would be affiliated in any postwar organization of the United Nations. The American Government delegates, he announced, would be Secretary of Labor Perkins and Senator Albert D. Thomas (Dem.), Utah, chairman of the Senate Education and Labor Committee and a member of the Foreign Relations Committee. The substitute government delegate, he said, would be Assistant Secretary of State Adolf A. Berle Jr.

Within the next few days, he said, he hoped to name the delegate and substitute for American employers. He had not decided on the American labor delegate, he said, and he emphasized that there were precedents for appointing more than one labor delegate but not for dividing a country's labor vote.

In the past the American labor delegate has always been an American Federation of Labor man. The CIO is challenging this monopoly.

President William Green of the AFL, it is reported, has refused to share the I. L. O. honor, even at the President's request.

Soldiers' Vote Bill.

The President said that he had not seen the telegrams from Governors replying to his questions on pending soldiers' vote legislation. Those received, he said, would be given out for publication Monday morning. One reason for this, he joked, was because there is no news in the Monday morning papers.

He avoided a direct reply to questions about changing the Little Steel formula for wage increases, saying the request of CIO steel workers to the War Labor Board for larger wage increases had not been referred to the White House. He conceded that he had the power to change this formula.

Hull Says London Talks Will Be Informal and Exploratory.

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP) —Secretary of State Hull said yesterday that the forthcoming conversations to be held with the British in London by Under Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. would be "entirely informal and exploratory."

Hull issued this statement:

"At my request the Under Secretary will go to London soon with a small group for discussions with members of the British Government. Foreign Secretary Eden and other high officials of the British Government have made several trips to this country for a general exchange of views during the past two years and it has not been possible for me to return them.

"Mr. Stettinius is going to London to repay their visits. The talks which he and those who are accompanying him will have will be entirely informal and exploratory. The conversations will cover any current matters that are of interest to the two governments at this time. However, the purpose of the visit is not to negotiate or conclude agreements."

800 NAZIS REPORTED KILLED IN SABOTAGED TRAIN IN ITALY

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP).—Eight hundred German soldiers were killed when a troop train was derailed north of Rome, the work of Italian saboteurs, the British radio reported in a broadcast last night.

(A dispatch from Naples yesterday, which apparently referred to the same wreck, said that information concerning it was obtained from papers found on a captured German soldier. The Naples report, however, listed the figure of 800 Germans only as "casualties" without specifying any number as killed.)

DE GAULLE SAYS FRENCH WON'T TOLERATE 'FOREIGN REGIME'

ALGIERS, March 18 (AP).—Gen. Charles de Gaulle, presumably referring to the Allied Military Government or its equivalent, declared today that the French would tolerate neither "a foreign regime" nor the continuance of Vichy elements in France after the war.

In an address to the Consultative Assembly, De Gaulle said the French National Committee already was mapping plans for a provisional government when France is liberated. He stressed the need for French unity, both inside and outside France.

REPORTED TERMS OF ALLIED PEACE OFFER TO RUMANIA

Bessarabia, Joint Control of Danube Outlet Sought by Russia, Swiss Paper Says.

By PAUL GHALI
The Chicago Daily News—Post-Dispatch Special Radio. Copyright, 1944.

BERN, March 18. — Allied armistice conditions as communicated to Rumanian Prince Stirbey during his stay in Ankara, Turkish capital, are reported in today's Journal de Geneve to be as follows:

1. Restoration of the 1939 frontier of Rumania. That is to say, retrocession to Russia of Bessarabia and Northern Bucovina.

2. The northern arm of the Danube, that of Sutina, will return to the Soviet Union and a Soviet - Rumanian condominium (joint control) will be established over the outlet of the river. This will replace the prewar European Control Commission.

3. Rumania is to free its territory, within a fixed limit, of German troops and to break off all diplomatic and economic relations with the Reich.

4. The Dobruja frontier is not to be modified.

(In an Axis-maneuvered cession, 3000 square miles of southern Dobruja was handed over to Bulgaria by Rumania. An Associated Press dispatch said the stipulation on the frontier provided that this cession of territory would not be reconziged.)

5. The Soviet Government is to intervene at the peace conference in favor of retrocession of the whole of Transylvania to Rumania.

(Rumania, under Nazi persuasion, ceded 17,370 square miles of Transylvania to Hungary in 1940.)

6. Until the end of the war with the Reich, some Rumanian towns are to be occupied by Russian troops.

7. The Soviet Union will not demand war reparations but will ask for the restitution of machines and installations exported by the Rumanians into regions occupied by them, as well as the extradition of persons guilty of cruelty to Russians.

Report Nazis May Plan Iron Guard Coup in Rumania.

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SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE, March 18.—There is fear in Rumania today that the Nazis will instigate an Iron Guard coup d'etat against Premier Marshal Ion Antonescu, should he pay too much attention to the "siren voices" of the Allies.

This fear is based on reports from Germany which indicate that members of the Iron Guard, Horia Sima's party, have been called from various Reich towns and assembled in an unnamed town in Germany, with instructions to be prepared for an imminent "trip abroad." These refugee Iron Guardists in Germany are estimated at 500.

Reports are that in their most recent interview Antonescu was warned by Adolf Hitler not to play Finland's game. He was assured by Hitler that Germany would defend Rumania with all the means at the Wehrmacht's disposal, but that if Rumania did not toe the line Germany had means of pressure. Assembly of Iron Guardists in Germany is possibly one means of such pressure.

BRITISH DESTROYER LOST

LONDON, March 18 (AP).—Loss of the British destroyer Mahratta was announced last night by the Admiralty.

"Jane's Fighting Ships" describes the Mahratta as one of the 1920-ton Laforey class with six 4.7-inch guns and a top speed of 36.5 knots. Date of completion of the vessel is not given, but its construction was authorized in 1939.

CHURCH NOTICES.

E. STANLEY JONES
WORLD FAMOUS RELIGIONIST
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NOONDAY SERVICES
OF THE
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12:05—12:35 NOON
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
13th & Locust

Subjects:
Monday, "The Canceled Cross";
Tuesday, "Facing the Crisis of the Cross";
Wednesday, "Principles of the Christian Revolution";
Thursday, "What Lay Back of the Agony of Gethsemane";
Friday, "The Four Who Bore Crosses."

CHURCH NOTICES.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
(Churches of Christ, Scientist)
In the City of St. Louis there are eight branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass. Their locations are listed in the telephone directory.
Lesson Sermon, Sun., March 19
"MATTER"
AT ALL CHURCHES
Sunday Services, 11 A. M.
Wed. Testimonial Meetings, 8 P. M.
Sunday School for Pupils Under 20 Yrs.
Sun. Eve. Services: First and Sixth, 8; Third and Fifth, 7:30; Fourth, 7.
The Public Is Cordially Invited

CHURCH NOTICES.

HAMILTON AVE. CHRISTIAN
Hamilton and Julian
Edmund C. Miller, Minister
10:30 A. M.
"BORN AGAIN"
6:30 P. M., Youth Groups

CHURCH NOTICES.

ETHICAL SOCIETY—SUNDAY, March 19th
(A Liberal Religious Fellowship)
The Public Is Cordially Invited to Hear
DR. MAX LERNER
Editorial Writer of 'PM Daily'
"WHAT THE YOUNG MEN WANT"
11 a. m.—Sheldon Auditorium, 3648 Washington Blvd.
(Block west of Grand; convenient busses, street cars)

E. STANLEY JONES
Missionary, Evangelist and Author
Will Speak at Morning and Evening Services
SUNDAY at 3rd BAPTIST CHURCH
Grand at Washington
7:15 WEDNESDAY—"World Relief Agencies"
Forum Conducted by Kirk E. Latta,
General Manager, Greater St. Louis War Chest.

ST. LOUIS WOMAN IN GERMAN PRISON CAMP 15 MONTHS

Scanty Diet Eked Out by Purchases and Red Cross Aid, Mrs. Florence M. Jones Says.

ALLOWED TO VISIT NEARBY VILLAGES

Only Contact With War Was Sound of Planes Overhead, Sometimes 3 Hours at a Time.

By ALVIN H. GOLDSTEIN
A Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Mrs. Florence M. Jones, formerly of St. Louis, today related to the Post-Dispatch in New York her experiences during nearly 15 months in a Nazi-supervised French internment camp, where she was placed some months after Germany declared war on the United States.

Mrs. Jones, widow of Harvey Jones, has resided in Paris since 1921, except for intermittent visits to the United States for brief stays with St. Louis relatives. She was one of the 669 repatriates who arrived Wednesday on the Gripsholm.

When the Germans entered Paris after the fall of France, she watched them march through the Arc de Triomphe, having decided that her American citizenship made it unnecessary to flee when word of the threatened invasion led many loyal Frenchmen, who thought that the nation's capital would be defended to the last, to join in the flight to the south which resulted in wholesale death on the bombed thoroughfares.

Undisturbed for Months.

For many months, Americans in Paris were not disturbed by the Nazi invader although many of their British friends were compelled to register, obey exacting curfews and comply with other restrictions until they ultimately were placed in concentration camps when the surrender of Great Britain, seemingly anticipated at an early date, failed to materialize. Eventually, Americans also were required to register each Friday and limit telephone conversations to the French language, presumably to facilitate monitoring. Food, Mrs. Jones added, became more scarce, although at first it had been reasonably plentiful.

Sept. 24, 1942, Mrs. Jones and other American women were informed that because the United States had placed German woman nationals in concentration camps, it would be necessary for them to prepare for segregation and they were moved, lock, stock and barrel, to a hotel where they spent the night. Their next stop was at the zoo near Paris. Because five francs admission was exacted of visitors, a fanciful story arose that the civilian captives had been exhibited in cages, a story without foundation, Mrs. Jones said.

Sharp Cut in Rations.

After four days of incarceration at the zoo, Mrs. Jones and her companions were removed to the permanent concentration camp at Zittel, about 350 miles from Paris. Until then, rations were adequate, although not luxurious. At Zittel, where British prisoners had been held for about two years, the food situation underwent an abrupt change. A typical week's rations could be described about as follows, Mrs. Jones said:

Monday: Cereal, consisting either of cooked barley or oatmeal.

Tuesday: Cheese and one-quarter pound of butter.

Wednesday: A cup of sugar and about one teacupful of mixed vegetables.

Thursday: (a slim day) a tablespoon of jam, some vegetables and soup.

Friday: About 90 grams (a very small piece) of boiled beef of inferior grade, and some vegetables.

Saturday: Usually soup and vegetables—if vegetables were available. Otherwise, just soup.

Sunday: Roast beef—but something cut from a section a long way from what is considered roasting beef in normal times—vegetables and a tablespoonful of jam. The slice of meat was less than three inches square and very thin.

Thanks to packages arriving regularly from the American Red Cross, the American prisoners were able to supplement their food allotments and maintain something more than a bare subsistence diet prescribed by German scientific research.

Permitted to Visit Villages.

Earlier, some of the prisoners were able to trade possessions and articles of food to British for tea, a valued substitute for the ersatz coffee supplied by the captors, Mrs. Jones said. This tea supply is gone now, she added, but prisoners are permitted to purchase certain necessaries at canteens operated by the Germans, and an occasional walk in neighboring villages under escort enables captives who have money to make purchases of foodstuffs and desirable objects.

Although there is no evidence of the sale of contents of American Red Cross boxes, it was rumored that a purchaser in the French outside world would willingly pay francs worth $100 in American currency for any one intact. Mrs. Jones heard that American cigarettes were selling in cafes at 20 francs, or 40 cents, for one cigarette.

At their place of confinement the only evidence of warfare observed by the prisoners was the sound of airplane motors that on occasion filled the air for three hours.

As in other concentration camps, the captives organized their own amusements, establishing libraries and amateur theatrical groups, and superintended generally the maintenance of their own quarters with a minimum of interference from either French or German guards and attendants.

Man "Dead" 25 Years Debarks.

Another St. Louisan who disembarked from the exchange liner Gripsholm yesterday was Francis Gordon Law. For 25 years his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Law of 6208A Plymouth avenue, St. Louis, have believed him dead. The last they heard from him he was in a French hospital, presumably suffering wounds he received in the World War as a British ambulance driver.

In that letter, written Nov. 11, 1918, Law said, "War is hell. I'll be home soon." The next his mother and father heard of him was a year ago, when the State Department informed them he was to be on the exchange ship.

Interviewed here yesterday, Law declined to talk about those intervening years, for fear of reprisals against his friends still in Nazi internment camps.

Law, now 54 years old, left his wife and two children in Lorain, O., when he was 26, to get into the fight. He said only that he had been an engineer in Paris for the last 23 years and identified himself as one of those who rode the Red Cross sanitary train through the Balkans and Ukraine in 1920, vaccinating the people of those areas against typhoid fever and other diseases.

During the World War, Law said, he had been interned. In the present war, he added, he had been at Vittel and Compiegne for 18 months.

With Law when he disembarked was his second wife. His first wife, Mrs. Harriet Law, divorced him on the advice of his mother. Law's children by his first marriage are Maj. Lawrence Law of the Army and Mrs. Ken Johnson of Milwaukee.

Although Law told interviewers he plans to come to St. Louis to visit his parents, his mother told a Post-Dispatch reporter today she had not heard from him since he landed. "We'll be disappointed if he doesn't come here before he goes to Connecticut to settle down," she said.

"I'll probably be so flabbergasted I won't know what to do or say when I see him," she added. "I know he is my son. I recognized him from the picture in your newspaper. I could tell by the way he holds his mouth."

Accusers at Arkansas Peonage Trial

—Associated Press Wirephoto. —By a Post-Dispatch Staff Photographer

From left, MISS MARGUERITE GRIMMETT; her mother, MRS. DOSHA MOON, and her sister, MISS FREDDIE MAE MOON, resting after testifying at the peonage trial of Albert S. Johnson at Helena, Ark. At right, MISS IDELL MOON, another daughter of Mrs. Moon.

PLANTER PLEADS GUILTY, PEONAGE TRIAL IS HALTED

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Johnson ran his plantation through intimidation of his workers, both white and Negro, often threatening them with a rifle and pistols and occasionally whipping some of the Negroes. All of the complainants testified that they were in fear of Johnson, although some left his plantation when he was not present.

Counts in the indictment remaining against Johnson represent complaints by Mrs. Moon, her daughters, Miss Grimmett and Miss Freddie Mae Moon. The complaint of another white tenant, George W. Davis, also will be referred to the jury for consideration.

Negro complainants still named in the indictment are Clyde Miller, Shelley McKinney, Alex McKinney, J. T. Collins and Robert Collins.

SAM PRIEST SAYS HE'LL NOT MAKE RACE FOR GOVERNOR

Circuit Clerk H. Sam Priest announced today that he would not be a candidate at the August primary election for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

He said he was making the announcement so that Democratic voters would not further consider his name. Some local party leaders had suggested that he become a candidate.

GROCERY ROBBERY REPORTED

Theft of $800 in cash, 500 meat ration tokens, four hams and an unknown quantity of evaporated milk from grocery and meat market at 1037 North Vandeventer avenue has been reported by the owners, Theodore Finkelstein and his brother, Daniel Finkelstein, police said today.

Entrance to the store was gained by forcing an iron bar at a basement window.

REPATRIATES TELL OF NAZI OUTRAGES

Dutch Murdered in Streets —Jews Reported Used in Poison Gas Tests.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., March 18 (AP).—Stories of a German horror that was visited on occupied countries were related today as the last of the 669 repatriates left the Swedish exchagne liner Gripsholm.

Iowa-born Alberta Erdtsieck, 20 years old, told of Nazi gunners and riflemen racing through Dutch streets shooting people indiscriminately, and 25-year-old Harry Kirkpatrick of Pomona, Cal., told of the wholesale slaughter of Czechs and Jews after the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich, Hitler's hangman in that country.

Miss Erdtsieck left the United States when she was 4 years old to live in Holland with her family. She said that in 1941, when the Dutch in Amsterdam engaged in a brief revolt against anti-Semitic Nazi rules, the Germans rode through the streets shooting pedestrians and hurling grenades. Back home, she wants to join the Women's Army Corps.

Kirkpatrick was a tutor in Prague, often teaching English to Jewish students. After the German occupation, some of his students would disappear overnight, he said, never to be heard from again. He said the Czechs told stories of Jews being massacred by live steam baths, or by being used as guinea pigs in the testing of poison gas at the Skoda works in Pilsen.

When Heydrich was shot on May 27, 1942, the Germans killed 170 Czechs the first night, Kirkpatrick said. Then night after night, he said, the slaughter continued, until the casualties were in the thousands.

The last of the repatriates was cleared in midafternoon by Federal Bureau of Investigation and Army intelligence men. The task had taken two full days. About 80 had been sent to Ellis Island, for further questioning or because their credentials were deemed insufficient.

ILLINOISAN BOMBS BRUNSWICK WITH PLANE BADLY DAMAGED

Lt. Harry G. Ward of Granite City, Ill., bombardier on a Flying Fortress, dropped his bombs on Messerchmitt factories at Brunswick, Germany, while his ship, hit by cannon shells, was operating on one engine and only two of the plane's guns protected it against hundreds of German fighters which attacked his formation, it was announced today at an Eighth Army Air Forces bomber station in England.

After the raid, the bomber maintained its position in formation until it neared the English Channel, when the Fortress began to lag behind. The crew threw out flak suits, guns, radio equipment, "everything not nailed down," to lighten the load. "I thought they were going to throw me out next," Lt. Ward said after the plane made a successful emergency landing in England.

Lt. Ward is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Ward, 3721 Iowa avenue, Granite City. He was a student at McKendree College before enlisting in May, 1941.

17 MENINGITIS CASES IN WEEK, WITH AT LEAST ONE DEATH

Seventeen cases of meningitis and at least one death from the disease were reported here last week, Dr. J. Earl Smith, director of communicable diseases, St. Louis Health Division, said today in a radio talk. This brings the total number of cases reported since Jan. 1 to 131 and the number of deaths to 13, he said, as compared with the like period last year, when there were 65 cases and six deaths reported.

Dr. Smith said that when the disease was discovered early, it responded to modern treatment with sulfa drugs. "It is very important to have the patient under a physician's care in the first day of the illness," he pointed out. The spread of epidemics can be counteracted by the prevention of overcrowding and by improved ventilation of living and working quarters."

All cases of meningitis should be segregated in an isolation hospital, Dr. Smith said.

CITY GETS 3 MILLION GIFT CORRECTION, ALSO APOLOGY

An apology to St. Louis because of a three-million-dollar mistake in tabulating local gifts to philanthropies was made public today.

The John Price Jones Corporation, fund-raising counselors, announced that it had done the city an unintentional injustice when it reported last month that St. Louis was the only one of seven large cities in the United States to experience a decrease in gifts in 1943.

The corporation report was based on a tabulation of $6,630,253 for gifts in 1942 and $4,778,309 for contributions in 1943. Actually, last year's gifts by St. Louisans totaled $7,778,309, the corporation declared, explaining it had made a clerical mistake in totaling a column of figures. Acknowledgement of the mistake followed a protest from Kirk E. Latta, general manager of the Greater St. Louis War Chest, who pointed out that St. Louisans exceeded the total of all 1942 gifts in 1943 contributions of $5,267,000 to the War Chest and $1,963,000 to the Red Cross.

JEFFERSON BARRACKS HISTORY COMPILED BY MAJOR WEBB

"The Story of Jefferson Barracks," a mimeographed book compiled and edited by Maj. Henry W. Webb, Public Relations Officer at Jefferson Barracks, will be distributed among post officials, it was announced yesterday.

"This is the first history written of the 117-year-old post, which presents a full-blown historical continuity of the post from the days when infantry, dragoons and cavalry were quartered there to its present status as basic training center No. 1 of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command," Maj. Webb said.

Maj. Webb utilized research done by Col. Frederick Christine, commanding officer of the post in 1942, and by members of the writers' guild of the Works Progress Administration who disbanded in February, 1943.

HANNEGAN SAYS ROOSEVELT IS HIS PERSONAL PREFERENCE

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 18 (AP).—Robert E. Hannegan, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, compared the Republican party to a "pipe-organ of stuck whistles" tonight and said the American people "will not be misled by a do-nothing program from a party of obstructionists."

He told Western New York Democratic leaders at a dinner commemorating the one hundred and seventh anniversary of the birth of Grover Cleveland that the Democratic party would win in November because "our record as a party in this great crisis justifies that victory" and because "the world requires it and destiny wills it."

Earlier at a press conference, Hannegan asserted President Roosevelt was his personal preference for renomination, but said he was not trying to line up delegates to renominate the President. He asserted he had no personal preference for the vice-presidential nomination.

ILLINOIS SOLDIERS' BALLOT COMPLETE, GOV. GREEN SAYS

CHICAGO, March 18 (AP). — Gov. Dwight H. Green telegraphed President Roosevelt yesterday that "the Illinois servicemen's ballot is complete," and enactment of the Federal ballot proposal would not be "in the interest of those in the armed services from our State."

Gov. Green's message was in reply to the President's request for information on Illinois absentee voting regulations, as they would affect soldier voting under the compromise Federal-state servicemen's ballot bill passed by Congress and now awaiting action by Roosevelt.

Lehman Injures Knee in Fall.

ALGIERS, March 18 (AP).—Herbert Lehman, former Governor of New York and now Director of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation, was taken to a hospital yesterday after a fall in which he injured his kneecap. He is able to walk with crutches and expects to make a journey to Cairo in a few days.

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JAMES LEE FAILS TO APPEAR BEFORE TWO COMMITTEES

Former School Comptroller Had Been Asked for More Evidence on Patronage.

When James J. Lee, former Comptroller of the Board of Education, failed to appear before the board's Finance Committee by 3 p. m. today to elaborate on statements made in his recent letter of resignation, the committee went into a closed meeting at the Board of Education Building.

At meetings yesterday the Finance Committee and the Auditing and Supply Committee voted to request Lee to present to them any documentary or other evidence he may have that there has been mismanagement in the allocation of insurance policies and "loose operation" in the purchasing of supplies for the war workers' training program.

Lee's duties as Comptroller included attending all committee meetings to advise board members and to receive instructions. He has frequently stated the members ignored his recommendations and failed to give him the assistance necessary to carry out his ideas.

Closed Meeting.

The Auditing Committee met behind locked doors yesterday in the office of A. K. Nushan, Supply Commissioner, at 3431 School street. A clerk was assigned to open the door when latecomers knocked and to close it as quickly as possible so that no hint of the proceedings might leak out.

Those who attended the meeting included Dr. Rudolph Hofmeister, chairman of the committee, and William Schumacher and Charles J. Dyer, members; J. Harry Pohlman, president of the board; Hugo Wurdack and Mrs. Irma H. Friede, board members; Nushan, and stenographers.

Waiting outside the door were Clemens Nicholas and Raymond Sacks, supervisors of the war workers' training program. They were not called in to testify, however.

Explanation by Nushan.

Following the half-hour session Dr. Hofmeister said the committee had heard an explanation from Nushan as to the manner of handling purchases for the training program, and that it seemed, superficially, at least, to be the same as that set up by Lee and F. J. Jeffrey, principal of Hadley Technical High School, who is general administrator of the wartime program.

Dr. Hofmeister said the committee would meet at 10 a. m. Monday, and Pohlman was directed to send Lee a telegram asking him to appear.

The Finance Committee met in the office of Mervyn E. Wiethaupt, secretary-treasurer of the board, and prior to its official meeting held a caucus at which Dr. Francis C. Sullivan, chairman, and James J. Fitzgerald and Dyer, members, were present.

Other board members, Pohlman, Wurdack and Mrs. Friede, entered the meeting later. Reporters were not admitted and following a brief session Dr. Sullivan handed out a typewritten copy of a letter that was sent to Lee.

The letter asked that Lee "be present and give testimony and produce such evidence as you may possess" with reference to the acquisition of insurance by the board, the cancellation of a policy and the granting of insurance to a State Senator, complaints that insurance is distributed on a basis of friendship rather than bids and possible improvements in purchasing procedure.

Criticism by Voters' League.

Administration of the school system was criticised severely yesterday at a meeting of the St. Louis League of Women Voters, Mrs. Ralph W. Thayer, vice-president, said today.

"Eight or 10 of the more than 100 members present got up to speak, although the meeting was called to consider another subject," Mrs. Thayer said. "Some of the women said they were ashamed to be living in St. Louis. They bemoaned the recurrent scandals in the system and recalled the days of 20 years or so ago when the St. Louis schools led the country. It seemed to me like a spontaneous expression."

Mrs. Thayer said that at the close of the meeting she summed up statements that had been made and proposed that the members and other citizens write the board of education to insist on the adoption of a merit system. This proposal was greeted with applause, she said.

Personnel Chief Criticises Nolte on Merit Funds

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the Aldermen that all the 8000 employes on the payroll when civil service became effective would be frozen in their jobs. Bruce said he had stood on a ruling by the City Counselor that the 3600 temporary employes, who have not yet been given qualifying examinations, were not frozen.

Bruce, a former Federal civil service official here and previously professor of economics at St. Louis University, has said, asking the Board of Estimate for more funds, that the merit system, set up under a 1941 charter amendment, was now ready to examine the temporary workers. A few tests have been given, but Bruce insists no more are possible at present for lack of money.

Effect on Employes.

"By being kept from examination, the employes have no rights under the civil service," Bruce said. "As a result, they are in constant fear and jeopardy because they don't know how long they are going to be kept on the job. I have wanted to move in with the examinations as fast as I could to create good morale among the employes. We can't possibly draw up the desired eligibility list for future employes until this backlog of temporary employes is handled. Civil service really begins to function when there is such an eligibility list.

"There has been a lot of unrest among employes because of this insecurity. False rumors that the tests which would be given would be unduly difficult have been spread among the workers, especially among such groups as the hospital attendants. Some of these have been told that excessive educational background would be required. I don't know how these rumors have been spread, but I presume it was through the ward politicians. I have tried several times to get names, but cannot pin it on anybody.

"If we had funds we could publish a manual so that the employes would know their rights.

"The Director of Public Welfare recently wanted to know how soon an examination for jail guards could be held because of the recent changes after a jail break, and I had to tell him I couldn't hold one because there was no money for it."

Bruce's comment followed denunciation yesterday of the attitude of financial and legislative officials towards support of civil service by Walter C. Haeussler, president of the Citizens' Committee for Civil Service. Haeussler criticised the intention to limit the funds in the next fiscal year, the lack of action on the request for $15,000 extra and what he considered delay in passing a bill to reimburse the Personnel Department for $6000 in capital expenses drawn from the current working fund.

Mayor, Nicolai Comment.

This brought from Mayor Kaufmann a statement that he was wholly in accord with Haeussler on the $6000 item. As to the $15,000 item and future funds, the Mayor said, "At present we are concerned with the problem of the budget and quite properly the Board of Aldermen should scan all requests for funds carefully. I have faith that the board in due and proper time will pass the required ordinance to make effective the operation of the personnel office."

Aldermanic President Nicolai said, as to the $6000, he felt the budget should be trimmed to the utmost and that, in view of the fact the old Efficiency Board cost only about $55,000 annually, he would be guided by the recommendation of the aldermanic committee. Bruce has pointed out that the Personnel Department functions were more extensive than those of the Efficiency Board.

Nicolai also asserted that the minimum civil service appropriation fixed by the charter was in the nature of an "allocated tax," and he felt the policy should be to compel the department to stay within that limit since the Aldermen could not control that expenditure.

Action on $6000 Bill.

The $6000 bill was referred to the aldermanic Ways and Means Committee March 10. Chairman Charles G. Kratovil announced it would be considered next week and said there was no intentional delay. A poll by Post-Dispatch reporters showed that most of the Aldermen held themselves open to conviction as to the department's need for funds.

Four said they favored the $6000 appropriation — Mrs. Clara Hempelmann (R), Claude I. Bakewell (R), Jasper C. Caston (R) and Edgar J. Feely (D). They also favored the department's other requests, except Caston, the only Negro member, who wants to study them.

Six were definitely against the $6000 item—Louis G. Berra (D), Edward J. Courtial (R), George N. Daugherty (R), President Nicolai (R), Jake Sellers (R) and Harry A. Stoffer (R). Berra and Courtial felt the annual allowance should be the minimum. Nicolai said he had not made up his mind on that and the $15,000. Daugherty, Sellers and Stoffer indicated their stand was not irrevocable.

11 Want Proof of Need.

Eleven Aldermen said the need of funds would have to be demonstrated to them. They are: Charles E. Albanese (R), Orville A. Armstrong (R), Walter F. Boehne (R), Drummond Diamond (D), Kratovil (R), Louis A. Lange (R), Richard Nichols (R), Anton Niemeyer (D), Walter H. Toberman (D), Thomas C. Turner (R) and Walter W. Ziegenbalg (D).

Four declined to comment—Gus A. Hartkopf (R), Louis A. Kenkel (R), Joseph Saputo (R), and J. Ray Weinbrenner (R). All but Weinbrenner indicated they wanted to be convinced of the need for funds. Aldermen Edward L. Duke (R) and John L. Higgins (D) could not be reached. Members of the Ways and Means Committee, besides Kratovil, are: Armstrong, Berra, Courtial, Duke, Kenkel and Stoffer.

The Civil Service Commission, in charge of the Personnel Department, held its weekly meeting yesterday. Chairman Daniel N. Kirby announced that it would make no statement on the fund question.

IDENTITY OF SKELETON NEAR BARRACKS SOUGHT

Sheriff Arnold Willmann today was attempting to determine if a skeleton found Thursday in a sinkhole near Jefferson Barracks might be that of Gus Kling, an employe of Koch Hospital, who disappeared July 7, 1931, a week after he had been treated at City Hospital for stab wounds inflicted by two unidentified men.

The case was called to the attention of the Sheriff's office by Herman A. Kling, 1932 Withnell avenue, a stepbrother of the missing man. He was unable to identify the skeleton as that of his brother, however.

The remnants of clothing found with the skeleton included a pair of shoes and a leather belt. Kling said that, to his knowledge, his missing stepbrother had never worn low shoes nor a belt. There was a hole, apparently made by a bullet, through the right temple of the skull, found by Jefferson Barracks soldiers near Cliff Cave. Dr. H. S. Breyfogle, acting Coroner, said the teeth indicated the man was about 40 years old, and that he was about five feet nine inches tall. Kling said his brother was 57, and his height was five feet 10 inches.

PASTOR IN ACCIDENT IS RELIEVED OF POST

Church Plans No Further Action Until Case Is Settled.

The Rev. Hubert J. Tenholder, who is awaiting trial on charges of felonious wounding and leaving the scene of an accident last Feb. 12 when his automobile struck two persons in a safety zone in the 4000 block of South Broadway, has been relieved of his assistant pastorship at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Shrewsbury, by Archbishop John J. Glennon.

The Rev. Joseph Preuss, pastor of the church, said no further action would be taken until the case has been settled. Father Tenholder had served the church for two years.

Father Tenholder's preliminary hearing on State charges of felonious wounding and leaving the scene of an accident is set for March 29 in the Court of Criminal Correction. A trial on similar charges filed by the city was continued Feb. 25 to April 26 when the two injured persons were unable to appear in Police Court. They are Raymond Haverstick, 1237 South Sixth street, who suffered a fractured left leg, and Daniel Kellerman, 1929 Arsenal street, whose right ankle was broken.

In April, 1940, Father Tenholder's automobile killed a pedestrian in the 6600 block of South Broadway. A Coroner's jury returned a verdict of accident.

BRINKLEY ILL, PERJURY CASE RECESSED UNTIL MONDAY

The perjury trial of Andrew Brinkley today was recessed until Monday after Brinkley was taken to City Hospital and found to have a sore throat and a temperature.

Dr. Downey L. Harris, pathologist, and Dr. Ralph Thompson, former hospital commissioner, who made a post mortem examination of Edward Melendes in September, 1942, two months after Melendes' death in a police cell, will be called as witnesses when the trial resumes.

Depositions of several persons who had seen Melendes at the Prize Ring night club, 3945 Olive street, the night of his arrest, July 25, 1942, were read into the record at yesterday's court session. Pictures of the Mexican waiter, who was Brinkley's cellmate, taken at the night club just before his arrest, showing him in normal physical condition and others taken at the police station showing his face badly swollen, were viewed by the jury.

IRISH POLICEMEN PROMOTED

The Board of Police Commissioners chose St. Patrick's day to announce yesterday the promotion to sergeant of two patrolmen who are of Irish descent.

They are Hugh McVey, 43 years old, who lives at 1434 Tamm avenue, and John E. Murphy, 36, of 1140 Blendon place. McVey, appointed to the department in December, 1925, has been attached to the Magnolia Street Station. Murphy, appointed in April, 1936, has been serving as a statistician and editor of the Police Journal, publication of the department. The promotions become effective April 1.

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A readjustment of valuations of real estate has been made and taxpayers are advised to call on or after March 20, 1944, and examine their assessments.
The Board of Equalization will meet in the office of the Assessor on Monday, March 20, 1944, and remain in session for four (4) weeks and no longer.
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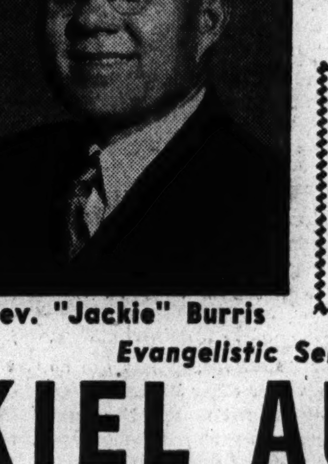

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

The name and address of the author must accompany every contribution but on request will not be published. Letters not exceeding 200 words will receive preference.

Communistic Capers

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

Thanks for your two recent editorials showing up these "funny people"—the Communists.

It seems the Communists are quite stirred up about the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith coming to St. Louis. Have the Communists forgotten their recent courtship of Boss Hague, whose brand of Fascism is well known throughout this broad land? It is all right for the Communists to back a Fascist, but wrong for someone else to do so, and at that only on the basis of our cherished principle of free speech.

Most people have nothing but contempt for Smith and his kind. But we want them to do their work in the open where they can be watched. We do not want them to go underground where they would be forced to work like termites or a deadly cancer. Some of the most sinister movements have received their strongest nourishment and power by being forced to go underground.

Since the Communists became respectable (all on account of change in the party line), they've produced some tomfoolery that is hard to swallow. First they come out in support of Boss Hague. Comrade Browder next announces the marriage of Communism and capitalism. Next they come out in support of the National Service Act. Just the other day, the New Masses denounced Vice-President Wallace for attacking Wall Street!

In their campaign against the local appearance of Gerald Smith, the Communists, as well as various other groups, are working through the high-sounding National Federation of Constitutional Liberties. Anyone who has studied the list of names on its national committee will know right away that it is a front organization.

However desirable, in certain respects, the Communist action against Smith may appear to some people, we must not blind ourselves to the fact that in this, as in all their past and future actions, the Communists follow the party line. It is well to heed the warning of the late anti-Fascist editor, Carlo Tresca—"Red Fascism!"

DISGUSTED.

Task For the Church

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

We all know the meaning of juvenile delinquency and the causes, but we do not seem to know what to do to prevent it. There are many steps being taken to prevent it, but the rate of delinquency is rising.

We all know that the church does (or should) play an important part in the lives of young people today and, in my opinion, the church could play an important part in curbing the rise of juvenile delinquency.

SYLVIA MAYFIELD.

Would Raise Rents

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

Most St. Louis owners of rental property are facing a gloomy outlook because rents are frozen. With no chance to increase their rents, their taxes are being raised this year, and city planners are getting ready to ask the citizens to pass a bond issue of several millions for civic improvements. In addition, the Legislature is about to increase police officers' salaries, and the School Board pension system has already gone into effect. Practically all the cost for these things must come, as in the past, from taxes on real estate.

I own a flat that needs painting, tuckpointing and a new roof. My net profit from this building, with present rent, is less than 3 per cent per annum. I have been unable to accumulate the cost of these needed improvements or repairs.

The OPA should permit a reasonable increase to owners to enable them at least to take in what it costs to operate their properties. The way things now are, no one but a dunderhead would think of buying so-called "income" property.

WORRIED.

"Moscow and Badoglio"

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Your editorial, "Moscow and Badoglio," pictures the Soviet recognition of the Badoglio regime as a sort of horse-trading between England and Russia, as if it were in "exchange" for Churchill's agreement to a Polish-Russian settlement favoring the Soviets.

That seems to me a pretty cynical explanation, which can only destroy our respect for our Allies.

If the friendly relationship among the Allies, and thereby an effective cooperation, could be disrupted, that would be just what Hitler and Hirohito are waiting for.

Fortunately, Stalin and Churchill are realists and know when it becomes necessary to yield to a determined position of a partner in the interest of the more important goal—to win this war faster even if one does not agree himself.

If the removal of Badoglio and the hated little King is to be postponed, in order not to jeopardize the whole victory, be it so, despite the bitter taste left in one's mouth, and I bet, also in Stalin's.

F. S.

Case of Warren vs. Baruch

Comptroller General Warren was bound to object to the auditing methods proposed in the Baruch report. Since he is represented as declaring that a proper safeguarding of public funds is the issue on which he and Mr. Baruch are of opposing opinions, it will be well to examine the actual issue over which they are divided.

Both Mr. Warren and Mr. Baruch propose to prevent fraud by surrounding the war-contract settlements with safeguards considered adequate. The former wants to audit every contract before settlement is made final, wants authority to accept or reject settlement. The latter wants the Comptroller's audit limited to the detection of fraud.

The Comptroller General is the public's watchdog. His office keeps an eye on public funds, to make certain that they are used in strict accordance with the laws governing their expenditure. It is concerned primarily, not with whether the funds are spent wisely or efficiently, but with whether they are spent legally—whether their course tracks scrupulously and literally the letter of the law

For the safety which the Comptroller General's watchfulness affords to our public funds, we pay a price in cumbersome procedures, delays, in the kind of Government operation which is termed "bureaucracy" and "red tape." Nevertheless, safety is essential, and the price we pay for it in the run-of-mill operations of Government is not too high. The system works, on the whole, least badly in standardized, routine operations. It is only when the Government must act with initiative and speed that the Comptroller's legalisms become too costly in terms of net results.

In the settlement of war contracts, speed is imperative, as Mr. Baruch has pointed out. It is imperative because the red light will stand against production and employment until, on settlement of contracts, the green signal is given. Mr. Baruch has worked out a plan that will, in his opinion, enable the Comptroller General's office to detect and reject frauds, but that will not allow this office to obstruct settlements—and therefore re-employment—with legalisms that do not really matter.

The issue which Mr. Warren has raised against the Baruch report is not the prevention of fraud. It is the retention of power—by the Comptroller's office. In short, Mr. Warren wants the Government to get war contracts cleared away from our production lines in the way that often makes mere citizens despair of the Government's ever getting anything done. Mr. Baruch wants the Government to move boldly and expeditiously.

Just so strongly as we want continuous employment, and no repetition of the bread-line, so strongly should we demand some such plan of contract-settlement audits as that proposed by Mr. Baruch.

Time Out for Awards

This week's Perfect Paradox Prize is awarded to an Erin editor. In his honor, surely, the Liffey and Shannon run green and the leprechauns dance a madcap Kerry measure from Lough Swilley to Skibereen and back again.

"We are so fond of peace in Ireland," said the scribe, "we will fight like hell to keep it." Only once has this champion of principle been outdone in the delicate business of putting positivism in soft words—it was stunning, stormy Fanny Kemble who recorded in her diary her "hate of hate and scorn of scorn."

Those who cherish an intolerance of intolerance, a prejudice against prejudice, an impatience with impatience, and go earnestly through life inviting somebody or other to step outside, have a little unfinished business on hand. The meeting will come to order long enough to admit a kindred spirit from Dublin.

New Rebuff for Small-Loan Reform

The influence of the small-loan lobby is still powerful at Jefferson City, as was shown by the hostile reception given by the House to Representative Raymond J. Lahey of St. Louis when he attempted to renew his single-handed battle against exorbitant interest rates.

Mr. Lahey this time offered a resolution calling on the Governor to include the subject in the special session's agenda. He was met by jeers, hoots and catcalls and the resolution was promptly deposited in the legislative "graveyard," or Committee on Miscellaneous Resolutions. Even less attention was paid to Mr. Lahey's criticism of Gov. Donnell for disregarding his request to include small-loan legislation in the call for the special session.

Perhaps this is no time to bring up the troublesome issue, when it is essential for the Legislature to complete its work as speedily as possible. The boos that greeted Mr. Lahey's suggestion prove, however, that it is hopeless to expect the Legislature to throw off the lobby's influence and reduce the rates that now put such a heavy burden on the needy borrower. They prove also that revision of the Constitution is the only hope for a remedy at this time.

And what, by the way, has become of the Finnegan resolution, by whose adoption the Constitutional Convention could provide a real chance for this necessary reform? Have the high-powered lobbyists succeeded in getting it permanently buried in the convention archives?

WLB has refused to lift the wage ceiling. Declining, in two ways we can think of already, to raise the roof.

No Veterans Party

The American Veterans' party organized in New York is an outstanding example of the kind of action which the fighting men and women of the Second World War should shun as they would shun the plague.

There are no basic rights of veterans that are not basic to all other Americans. There are no interests of veterans which other Americans do not share—which they are not prepared to fight for at least as vigorously as veterans themselves.

Any movement for political separatism of veterans from their fellow Americans is a movement for the weakening of American democracy; a movement to set a gulf between veterans and non-veterans, to divide American from American.

There is no need in this country for a veterans' party; there is an abundance of reason to refrain from setting up one.

FSA, National Asset

The little farmer in the United States has had to struggle against more than the elements. Too often he has suffered from legislation designed to aid the big fellows; from fiscal policies cut to fit the pattern of the operators of large acreage.

Once more the man in patched overalls, who rides a mule to town and whose loss of a cow would threaten the very existence of his family, is under attack in the great Congress of the United States. His friendly helper, the Farm Security Administration, already kicked and cuffed around at Washington, is slated for extinction, or for another shuffle that means nothing less than that.

The process this time, embodied in a bill introduced in the House by Representative Cooley of North Carolina, is to transfer FSA to the Farmers' Home Corporation, an agency created by Congress in 1937 but never given anything to do. This presumably would keep alive some of the functions of FSA while changing its name, but its real effect would be further to discourage and hamstring the one agency which has helped thousands of tenant farmers to lift themselves out of the direst poverty.

Those who stand by this nation's tradition of opportunity for the poor man cannot quarrel with the FSA objectives. They applaud it for aiding the ambitious but destitute farmer to acquire his own little patch of ground and equip it to be a small but important producing unit in the country's economy. The objectors are found largely among the big land-owners, who frankly don't like to see too many of the tenants and farm laborers acquire the dignity and independence of proprietors. It cuts down the surplus of farm labor available for hire and naturally tends to raise the wage for that kind of work.

What FSA has done for needy farmers and tenants is not charity. In the eight years of its existence, FSA has made more than one million loans to men on the land, and approximately 90 per cent of the amount lent has been repaid when due. Struggling families have been helped not only to buy a few acres for themselves, but to get a cow or a pig or a mule and some tools. The increase in food production made possible through the FSA program has been an important contribution toward girding the nation for war.

Congress need not apologize for FSA. It should, in fact, be proud that so much has been done through it to rebuild men and women and help them become self-supporting, and to increase the country's agricultural resources at so little cost to the Treasury. Congress will not serve the national welfare by crippling FSA.

On the Japanese Way of Life

The main trouble with the Japanese way of life, it seems, is that the Japanese don't like it very well. They take to the American way of life, the trouble arising, of course, from the fact that they take to it with the Americans still in it.

For instance, in New Guinea, the wily Japanese, employing all their jungle lore, sneaked into one of our camps, stole cigarettes, and perched in trees to watch the showing of movies, which they liked very much.

Somehow, it's just not possible to imagine Americans sneaking into a Japanese camp, hooking a hookah of opium, and sitting through their cinema. Even if the Japanese could win this war and run things their own way, they wouldn't like it. No cigarettes worth stealing, no movies worth sitting in a tree to watch. No, thank you.

Civil Service Needs Funds

The civil service amendment to the City Charter, adopted by overwhelming vote of the people on Sept. 16, 1941, directs the Mayor and Aldermen to supply appropriations "adequate to provide for the effective administration and enforcement of the provisions of this article and the rules and ordinances adopted thereunder." It goes on to provide that appropriations shall be "not less than" one-half of 1 per cent of the amount of the city payroll for the preceding fiscal year.

It is the contention of Walter C. Haeussler, president of the Citizens' Committee for Civil Service, that the purpose of the amendment is threatened by the prospect of insufficient funds for the next fiscal year. Thor W. Bruce, acting Director of Personnel, has drawn up a statement showing that the proposed appropriation of the minimum amount will be "grossly inadequate" for effective administration of civil service.

Economy is essential in municipal affairs nowadays, but it would be false economy to starve a system that promises so much in efficient administration of city business, and thus in actual money-saving. Certainly the city should not quibble about repaying the amounts laid out or still needed by the department for preparing office facilities, since these are in the nature of capital expenditures. The minimum amount should be sufficient when civil service is in established operation, but, as with any new departure, there are added expenses at the start.

St. Louis citizens waged a hard fight, against political opposition, for the establishment of civil service. They do not want to see it handicapped now by false economies.

Oh Tennessee, Fair Tennessee

From the feudin' hills of Tennessee, where the Martins speak only to Hatfields, and the Hatfields speak only to Coys, there comes, along the garrulous grapevine, word that even Tennesseans won't put up with just any kind of music anywhere.

The Supreme Court of that large and lovely but sometimes unmelodious State has ruled that the City of Memphis is within its rights in saying where juke boxes may—or, happily, may not—be operated. The entry is one for the credit side. When the scales are balanced for the final accounting, may it weigh heavily enough against Tennessee's debit in that little matter of hillbilly music.

Or would you say that the poker players who wagered meat ration tokens wound up the game by cashing in their chops?

THE MAN ON WHOM THE RESPONSIBILITY RESTS

—From the London Daily Mirror.

Barcelona's Forgotten Anniversary

The Mirror of Public Opinion

Six years ago strategic bombing of cities was first tested by the Axis in Spain, editorial recalls; Germans now are reaping the harvest of that initial experiment; it is time for stronger sentiments than those of horror and hope unofficially expressed by Secretary Hull in 1938.

From the New York Herald Tribune

This week brings a grim and curious anniversary. It was only six years ago—and how incredibly short a time that seems when one thinks of all that has happened since—that the Axis powers opened the first consistent, scientific attack by air bombing ever delivered against a major center of Western European civilization.

Cities were, of course, bombed sporadically during the World War; air attack had been brought against tribesmen's villages in the succeeding years; the Japanese had reduced the teeming streets of Chapei to fire and slaughter; the Italians had bombed the mud-hut cities of Ethiopia, and there had been grisly episodes in various Spanish towns and cities.

But the methodical attack on Barcelona, delivered (largely, it is believed by Italian planes and pilots) on March 16, 17 and 18, 1938, represented the first thorough-going experiment in the "strategic" bombing of a civilian population center in the history of the Western world.

Civilians Were the Target

Through three days, Barcelona (virtually devoid of antiaircraft or other defenses) was bombed with precision, on a regular schedule, with various interesting new types of delayed-action and "antipersonnel" bombs, designed to spread the maximum of slaughter among the unsuspecting common people who thronged its streets.

When at last all the broken bodies which could be recovered had been dug out of the ruins, the official count stood at 834 dead and 1279 wounded. It was a small total by later standards, but today the Berliners in their rocking bomb shelters may well reflect upon this promising beginning of the air war, of which they are now experiencing the inevitable flower.

The Germans may well reflect upon that interesting experiment which was so lightheartedly applied to the "inferior" people of Barcelona only six years ago. But others may reflect upon it as well. At the time, Secretary Hull produced a righteously indignant protest:

"I feel that I am speaking for the whole American people when I voice a sense of horror at what has taken place in Barcelona, and when I express the earnest hope that in future civilization, centers of population will not be made the objective of military bombardment from the air."

Just Speaking Independently

The sentiment was unquestionably noble; unhappily, it was accompanied by explanations: "Secretary Hull," according to the news account, "made it plain that he was speaking independently and not in collaboration with other governments."

Mr. Hull could not know that only six years later the American Air Force, together with its British colleagues, would be delivering the most terrible military bombardments against civilian centers known to history.

There are times, it seems, when "a sense of horror" is not enough; when "earnest hopes" are futile and when "independence" from other governments, however comfortable, is inadequate to the actual problems of the times.

The Germans today have good reason to ponder Barcelona. So, perhaps, have we.

A Labor Paper Praises Eric Johnston's Speech

From the St. Louis Labor Tribune.

Eric A. Johnston, the aggressive and rather likable president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, last Monday predicted that organized labor was "on the threshold of being put into the doghouse by American public opinion, which unpopular place business had occupied for the past 10 years."

He urged labor to avoid the "mistakes of management," lest it take "the same public beating" that management deservedly received for its abuses of public trust.

In contrast to Mr. Johnston's citation of the erring ways of some groups of labor unions, we can point to the good and meritorious achievements of labor, to quantity and quality of war production and to the high volume of sustained production for civilian needs. We could stress the infinitesimal number of days lost through strikes—two-tenths of 1 per cent—in comparison to days worked.

Nevertheless, there is much to commend in Mr. Johnston's frank analysis. Labor has drunk copiously of the heady wine of success and power. Its international and local leadership at times have not been either too wise or too considerate of the rights of the public and the employer in demanding that their own rights be arbitrarily respected.

What Mr. Johnston very neatly specified is that both labor and business have been so engrossed in admiring their own virtues that they have failed to see their blemishes and vices as "others see them." As perfection is not found in any group, class or race, there certainly is room for improvement in labor, which, having come of age, with the help of the Wagner Act and other constructive national laws, must act its maturity and accept its enhanced responsibilities.

This war has brought management and labor closer together than ever before, and as a result both understand much better their respective problems. To paraphrase that hackneyed pun of Benjamin Franklin, they either will "have to hang together or hang separately" rather than be permitted to enjoy the dubious pleasures of stringing each other up in effigy as they did in the past.

If management and labor fail to heed the sound advice of the able head of the USCC, the Government will, by necessity, have to step in and more closely regulate and supervise both. That will be bad for private enterprise, free labor and the best interests of our democracy

GOERING'S SLIGHT ERROR.

From the Kansas City Times.

A Swiss report says 10 per cent of the German people have been bombed out of their homes. But this doesn't prove exactly that Herr Goering was 90 per cent correct in his promise of no bombs on Germany.

A Plan to Revive the Theater

Austin Latchaw in the Kansas City Star.

"Part of a Lifetime," by Lee Simonson. (Duell, Sloan & Pearce, New York.)

A pointed discussion of the ailments of the theater and a possible remedy for them may be found in this book by Lee Simonson, distinguished scenic designer. From his point of view, our stage is progressively declining, even in New York, where there still is much activity.

He finds that those courageous projects which at one time marked definite progress in stage, with secondary consideration to their commercial value, have become fewer and less vital.

We are told there now is little place for even good plays unless they are good enough to become hits. This is because there has been a demoralization of the playgoing habit. Consequently, many good plays that formerly would have been strong enough for considerable runs now are withdrawn after a week or two.

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Such a situation is unwholesome, of course, but Mr. Simonson has found what he believes to be the solution within the abnormality itself. He is convinced that the theater must be, if the stage is to live, a medium through which the aspiring artist and dramatist may be heard and the accomplished designer seen at lower than standard prices.

"It is obvious," says Mr. Simonson, "that if our theater is to become more vital to us, a concerted effort will have to be made to make it so. The professional theater is well able to raise sufficient funds to rehabilitate itself provided it will tax itself to do so.

"Playwrights who get 60 per cent of the sales of movie rights, running from $100,000 to $300,000; royalties on smash hits that can total a million dollars or more; theaters that get 30 to 40 per cent of such gross receipts; backers and producers who divide profits of 1000 to 3000 per cent, can well afford to contribute the necessary tithe to organize and equip theaters which will serve as workshops for playwrights and directors as well as training schools for young actors and at the same time develop more mature actors by giving them the opportunity of being steadily and intelligently employed.

"I see no reason why a self-imposed, graduated income tax on all the beneficiaries of successful commercial plays should not supply the funds for the theater's non-commercial efforts."

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In other words, Mr. Simonson combines a concrete proposal with an implied warning. The man who operates a theater now must do something to enlarge the playgoing public as well as to encourage and increase the number of players, dramatists, directors and designers by giving them advantageous schools for training. In short, the family of the theater, public and artists, is getting too small for comfort in the managerial offices.

In the old days of touring companies, "the road" was the goose that laid the golden egg. This goose is not yet dead, but it is starved almost to emaciation. Possibly some such plan as Mr. Simonson offers might serve to revive and fatten it and get it to laying again.

The book is an engaging biography, which gives us revealing sidelights on the passing show, and includes many illustrations of the artist's designs. The illustrations include scenes from 50 or more sets designed by him

CAMPAIGN QUESTION.

From the Omaha World-Herald.

When peace planners gather, the question of the hour appears to be: Will the German military caste run for another term?

DOROTHY THOMPSON

The Soviet Recognition of Badoglio

THE Soviet Union pursues a consistent policy, but not by obviously consistent means. Thus, its recognition of the Badoglio Government has created almost as much stir as the Russo-German pact. As a matter of fact, there are some parallels.

The British Government, under Mr. Chamberlain, believed that Britain could fix things up with Hitler, while Stalin obviously could not, for ideological reasons. Then, when Stalin and Hitler made the pact, the whole world thought it represented a real friendship—almost an alliance. Now, with hindsight, we see that every move made under the pact was for the establishment of strategical positions for the certainty of a coming war with Germany.

A Devious Path.

The reactions of the fellow-travelers in all countries are similar. Previous to the Russo-German pact, they were urging strong measures against Hitler; with the pact they became militant pacifists; with the war they became its most ardent supporters. There is no indication then or now that Stalin has ever taken into his previous confidence these international yes-men of whatever policy he may choose. Like the rest of us, they have to figure out the meaning of his moves for themselves.

In the Badoglio case, the Anglo-American powers are using the Badoglio Government but not granting it diplomatic status. Our representatives with it are the Generals of our Army of Occupation. Stalin's gesture is different. It does not imply that he is satisfied with the Badoglio Government, or intends to support it. What he does recognize is Italy, and the Italian state, as such.

Stalin has always given recognition to any government that would recognize the Soviet Union, and has, de facto, power. Never has the fate of Communist parties or left-wing movements in any country influenced Soviet diplomacy. The regime of Kemal Pasha in Turkey hanged every Communist it could lay its hands on, but Turkey and the Soviet Union maintained excellent relations.

Policy as to China.

The regime of the Kuomintang has made military campaigns against the Communists, but the Soviet Union retains diplomatic relations, and has sent arms to Chiang. A year ago, the Soviet Union sounded out the possibility of sending an ambassador to the Vatican. That does not mean that it is a supporter of the Vatican.

Stalin has never believed in the feeble policy of non-recognition of governments actually in power. Governments-in-exile are something else again.

The opponents of the Badoglio Government, in and out of Italy, have been conciliated by the British and American governments with the promise that things will change after we reach Rome. There is no reason to believe that the presence of a Soviet ambassador with Badoglio means that the Soviet Union would break with a successor.

But there is a very important political issue in the gesture. Italy, as a state, is in an ambiguous position. It is (A) a defeated enemy and (B) a co-belligerent—a sort of third-class ally. On which side of the fence is the main weight to fall?

The answer is to be found in the kind of representation we have with whatever Italian Government exists. With an enemy, one has military representation giving orders; with an ally, one has diplomatic connections — for negotiation. We have chosen the former, and the Soviet Union has chosen the latter—and this is both important and disconcerting. Its significance has been immediately grasped by the Badoglio Government. Not merely the King and Badoglio, but Italy, as a state, has been recognized as a country one can deal with. The government may change, but the state has slipped, as far as the Soviet Union is concerned, into the position of a real ally.

Two Allies Confused.

There is a certain amount of consternation in Washington and in London about the Soviet move. Why? At first glance, the British and American governments should be happy to see the government of their own support backed up. But in Washington and in London the second glance came before the first. Italy has been backed up by the Soviets as an ally—before even a peace treaty has been signed!

Mr. Churchill gave as a reason for supporting the Badoglio Government that other groups in Italy seemed more interested in fighting for Italy than for the Allies. But Marshal Tito is reported recently to have sent an emissary to the Italian parties to tell them that the Yugoslav Partisans were fighting for Italy, as well as for themselves.

The gesture of Stalin in giving full diplomatic recognition to the Italian state seems to indicate that he thinks the two ideas—Allied victory and a war for Italian liberation—can be combined. Before you can effectively ask the help of a state you must recognize the existence of a state, able to speak for itself. That Stalin has done—and it is counter to our whole present and projected policy.

WALTER LIPPMANN

A Good Citizen Speaks

IN at least two respects, Eric Johnston's speech at Boston University had a different sound from a great many other speeches. He was able to tell the labor leaders the homely truth and to give them some very good advice without being self-righteous about it.

As president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, he had the grace and the plain humanity to tell them that management had its faults—and morally they were the same faults as labor's. Thus he tried to speak the whole truth, not just that side of it he happened to be directly identified with.

And speaking the whole truth, he was more than the advocate of management. He was a citizen, a man concerned with solving a problem and not solely with winning his case.

If only this could become a fashion in public speech, how different would be the coming campaign and how much more adult, how much saner, our public life! For we are cursed with the endless declamations of men who charge, accuse, berate, defend, but never seek to persuade. Only too rarely do we hear citizens discussing the state of the nation, humbly looking for truth and earnestly seeking the light.

Many Biased Speeches.

The air is loud with the shrill voices of men who see only the good in their own case and only the error in the other man's.

Mr. Johnston was unusual in another respect. He is an opponent of the New Deal who has not forgotten the 12 years that preceded it and led up to the New Deal. This, it seems to me, is the acid test of an intelligent conservative—that he should not for one moment allow himself to be intoxicated with the notion that if it were not for Roosevelt and the New Dealers, we should restore happily and successfully and lastingly an economy of free enterprise. Mr. Johnston knows better: "from 1921 to 1930 we had everything all our own way, a friendly administration in Washington, a friendly public," and from it the country got "a balloon boom that had to burst."

A Time for Thinking.

Surely, if after the war free enterprise is not only to be restored but to remain restored, it will be because business men start thinking where Mr. Johnston has started, and then insist that the politicians who set up to be their best friends start their thinking there, too. For if business men miss this chance which is going to be given them, they are not likely ever to get another chance.

In 1921 and thereafter, they were led through illusion to a disaster by politicians who promised them normalcy. What Harding and his successors meant by normalcy was the world as it had been, and the conditions of business as they were in the time of McKinley. That world and those conditions had passed away forever. It was as impossible to return to them as it was to bring Queen Victoria to life and to enjoy again the effortless security of the nineteenth century.

The Republicans of the '20s who did not know this led the country to the catastrophe which produced the New Deal. For though Franklin Roosevelt has been in the White House what seems a lifetime, as a matter of fact he was put there by an election in 1932 when the country was looking for someone to save it from the abnormal consequences of 12 years of Republican normalcy.

The "Normalcy" Myth.

Therefore, it makes a true conservative shiver when he hears so many Republican voices which seem to say that all we now need is to return to normalcy. For if normalcy was impossible after the First World War, it is altogether impossible after the second.

A platform which consists of not being New Deal may be enough to elect the Republicans in 1944. But it does not begin to be enough to keep them in office if they are elected. Nor is it enough to conserve the real interests of business and of the economy of free enterprise. That will take a lot more constructive thinking and doing than is contained in berating the New Deal, the bureaucrats and regimentation.

Mr. Johnston might then set a new fashion. Just as he remembers the pre-New Deal '20s as well as the New Deal '30s, so he might begin to fix men's minds on the post-New Deal '40s. He might then point out how much the Republicans will need wisdom and foresight if they come into power on a reaction against the New Deal, and how much they must remember in that case that, unless they do very well, there will then be a reaction against the reaction which favored them.

For millions of soldiers and war workers and preoccupied citizens, who may not have much of a voice in this election, will be on hand to pass judgment on the consequences of it.

Mrs. Clara Leyhe Bell.

Funeral services for Mrs. Clara Leyhe Bell will be at 3 p. m. tomorrow at the home of her sister, Miss Emma Leyhe, 703 State street, Alton, with burial in Alton Cemetery. Mrs. Bell, 77 years old, died Thursday of cancer at Missouri Baptist Hospital. Besides Miss Leyhe, with whom she lived, she is survived by two brothers, Henry W. and William H. Leyhe, owners and operators of Golden Eagle Packet Co., and another sister, Mrs. Katherine Ferris of Boston.

'G. I. RIGHTS' BILL IS SENT TO FLOOR BY SENATE GROUP

$3,500,000,000 Measure Includes Every Suggested Benefit for Soldiers Except Bonus.

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP).—Including in its 46 pages every suggested benefit for veterans of the present war except a bonus, the $3,500,000,000 "G. I. Bill of Rights" measure was speeded toward passage in the Senate by a unanimous vote of its finance committee yesterday.

Senator Johnson (Dem.), Colorado, one of the sponsors of a pending 30-billion-dollar adjusted compensation or bonus bill, told reporters he would seek Finance Committee hearings on that proposal after the omnibus measure had cleared Congress.

Finance Committee Chairman George (Dem.), Georgia, estimated maximum benefits under the bill at three billion dollars, exclusive of a 500-million-dollar authorization for construction of additional hospital facilities to care for wounded and disabled.

He figured the cost of Government-financed education at a billion dollars, based on a belief that 7 to 10 per cent of the men and women of the armed services will avail themselves of its benefits.

Principal benefits provided in the bill, sponsored by the American Legion, are:

1. A year's educational or vocational training for any man or woman of the armed forces with six months' service at a cost to the Government up to $500 a year tuition, $50 a month subsistence and $25 a month for maintenance of a veteran's wife.

2. Unemployment compensation of $15 a week for a maximum of 52 weeks for a two-year period.

3. Construction of additional hospital facilities.

4. Loans up to $1000 for the purchase of homes, farms or small businesses, interest free for the first year, and carrying 3 per cent annual interest thereafter.

5. A veterans' placement board to steer former service people into jobs.

6. Designation of the Veterans Administration as an essential war agency entitled to priorities on personnel, equipment and supplies.

The cost of providing unemployment compensation was estimated at a billion dollars, but the total of disability, hospitalization, job placement, loans and other rehabilitation features was termed "anybody's guess."

The bill supplements previous legislation under which men and women of the armed forces whose base pay does not exceed $200 a month are jaid from $100 to $300 a month in mustering-out pay immediately after their discharge.

SYMPHONY SEASON ENDS WITH GOULD CONCERT TONIGHT

The sixty-fourth season of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra will end tonight with a concert at 8:30 in the Opera House of Kiel Auditorium. Morton Gould, American composer and arranger, will conduct the orchestra in a program of his own works.

Feature of the program will be the premiere of Gould's "Cowboy Rhapsody," which is based on familiar western and cowboy tunes. Also to be played for the first time before St. Louis audiences will be his "Symphony No. 1."

Other original arrangements the 30-year-old musician will offer are Jerome Kern's "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" from "Roberta," Richard Rodgers' "Surrey With the Fringe on Top" from "Oklahoma" and Hoagy Carmichael's "Star Dust." He also will present "American Salute," based on the marching tune, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," and two marches of the United Nations, the "New China" and "Red Cavalry" marches.

Tomorrow's Events

Exhibit, City Art Museum, 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., the St. Louis Photographic Salon, the architecture of Eric Mendelsohn; Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, Old Courthouse, 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., in the National Expansion Rooms, illustrated talk, 3 p. m., "On the Sodhouse Frontier"; photographs of Glacier National Park and the Blackfeet Indians; Campbell House, 1508 Locust, 10:30 a. m. to 5 p. m.; Missouri Historical Society, Jefferson Memorial, Forest Park, 9:30 a. m. to 5 p. m., "Pioneers"; People's Art Center, 2811 Washington, 1 p. m. to 5 p. m., paintings, drawings by children of the Story Hour Group at the City Art Museum; Central Public Library, 1300 Olive, 9 a. m. to 9 p. m., prints and books on China; St. Louis Guild, 812 Union, 1 p. m. to 5 p. m., annual exhibition by local artists; The Bookshop, 386 North Euclid, 3 p. m. to 5:30 p. m., and 7:30 p. m. to 10 p. m., drawings and paintings by Karl Zerbe.

Officers' Club of St. Louis, De Soto Hotel; hours 11:30 a. m. to 11:30 p. m.; informal games and dancing.

Lecture, St. Louis Sunday Evening Club, Centenary Methodist Church, 1601 Pine, 8 p. m., "Internment in a Japanese Prison Camp," by Mary Blackford.

U. S. O. activities: Folk dancing, 8 p. m., 724 Union; tea dance, 4:30 p. m., 3524 Washington; square dance, 8 p. m., 4401 Fair; dances, 3 p. m. and 7:30 p. m., Kiel Auditorium; all-day program, 6 South Broadway; buffet supper, 142 East Lockwood.

Pyle Describes 'Fabulous' Life Of Yank Officer

Austrian-Born Artist Has Lived All Over World.

By ERNIE PYLE
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IN ITALY, March 18.
(By Wireless).

ONE of the most fabulous characters in this war theater is Lt. Rudolf Charles von Ripper. He is so fabulous you might be justified in thinking him a phony until you got to know him.

I've known him since last summer in Algeria. Most of the other correspondents know him. One whole fighting infantry division knows him. He's no phony.

Von Ripper is the kind they write books about. He was born in Austria. His father was a General in the Imperial Austrian Army, his mother a Baroness. They had money. He could have had a rich, formal, royal type of existence.

Instead he ran away from home when he was 15 years old, worked in the sawmills, collected garbage, was a coal miner for a while, and then a clown in a small traveling circus.

At 19 he went into the French Foreign Legion, served two years, and was wounded in action. After that he went back to Europe and studied art. He is fundamentally an artist.

Lived in London, Paris.

HE traveled continuously. He lived in London and Paris. He lived in Shanghai during 1928. Then he returned to Berlin, joined liberal groups, and did occasional cartoons. Because he helped friends hiding from the Nazis, he was arrested in 1933, accused of high treason, and sent to a concentration camp.

Dollfuss of Austria got him out after seven months. Then he went to the Balearic Islands off the coast of Spain and hibernated for a year, doing political, satirical drawing.

All his life has been a fluctuation between these violent extremes of salon intellectualism and the hard, steady reality of personal participation in war. You don't think of an artist as being tough or worldly, yet Von Ripper has been shot in battle more than 20 times.

In 1936 he went to Spain as an aerial gunner in the Loyalist air force. He got 16 slugs in his leg during that adventure, and barely came out alive.

Back in Austria in 1938, he saw there was no possibility of organizing even a token resistance against Hitler, so he left for America. He became an American citizen five years later. By that time he was a private in the United States Army.

His Army career has been a curious one. At first he was a hospital laboratory technician. Then he was transferred to the newly-formed Army Arts Corps, and left for North Africa last May to paint battle pictures for the War Department.

I happened to meet him a few days after he arrived on this side. He had hardly got started on his art work when Congress abolished the whole program. So he went back to being a regular soldier again, this time an infantryman. He was transferred to the 34th Division.

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Shot on Night Patorl.

LAST fall he was put in a front line regiment, and in October he was wounded by shell splinters. He doesn't seem to mind being shot at all. A month later, while leading a night patrol, he got four machine-pistol slugs in him.

One slug split his upper lip just where it joins his nose. Another ripped a deep groove in the back of his hand. Another shot one finger clear off at the first joint. The fourth went through his shoulder. Before all his bandages were off he was back patroling again.

All this time overseas he had been a sergeant, but after his November wounding he was given a battlefield commission as second lieutenant, and transferred to the division's engineers. Later it was possible for him to resume his art work in his spare time.

Right now Lt. Von Ripper has a nice little room on the top floor of an apartment building in Naples taken over by the Army. Here he works at a huge drawing board, doing water colors and pen-and-ink sketches of war. He sleeps on a cot in the same room. Around the walls are tacked dozens of his sketches.

Now and then he returns to the front with his old outfit. Whenever he does, he's out in front getting shot at before you can say scat. He's quite a guy.

FUNERAL SERVICES MONDAY FOR THE REV. SAMUEL HORINE

Funeral services for the Rev. Samuel H. Horine, S. J., superior of graduate students and secretary of St. Louis University, who died yesterday of heart disease, will be Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock at St. Francis Xavier (College) Church, with interment at St. Stanislaus Seminary, Florissant.

Father Horine was born in Springfield, Mo., in 1878. He entered the Society of Jesus at Florissant in 1900 and was ordained in St. Louis in 1914. He served successively as dean of Campion College, Prairie du Chien, Wis.; dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of St. Louis University and general prefect of studies of the Missouri Province. From 1931 to 1937 he was provincial of this district.

Two sisters and a brother survive. They are Miss Harriet M. Horine, Mrs. Genevieve Ullman and Paul G. Horine, all of Springfield.

RED CROSS GETS $6000 GIFT FROM LAMBERT FIRM

Drive in Various Districts of City Brings Competitive Rivalry—South Side Takes Lead.

A $6000 contribution has been added to the Red Cross War Fund by the Lambert Pharmacal Co., 2117 Franklin avenue, Special Gifts Chairman Charles Belknap announced today.

In accepting the gift from J. L. Johnston, president of the organization, Belknap said it shows that a company "which knows the value of drugs in saving our soldiers' and sailors' lives also has realized the importance of an organization for their mental health. They know that a man must not only be in good condition to fight well. He must also have high morale and that's one of the major jobs the Red Cross is doing."

Col. P. C. Gerbert, commanding officer of the office of the field director of ammunition plants, Seventh Service Command, informed the commerce and industry division his civilian employes gave more than twice as much to the campaign this year than last. Gerbert's approximately 250 employes contributed $1088 this year, as against $526 in 1943.

The South St. Louis division took the lead among city residential solicitation groups when it reported having raised $32,103 through 13,110 subscriptions. The dollar total represents 78 per cent of the division's $41,000 quota.

The history of the International Red Cross and its role in administering relief to more than 14 million prisoners of war and refugees throughout the world were told last night by James G. Blaine, attorney, to CIO United Candy and Confectionery Workers, Local 310, at Cinderella Hall, 2735 Cheokee street.

ALLIED BOMBERS HIT GERMANS IN ANZIO BEACHHEAD

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attack. Indian troops, however, firmly held two others which they had captured.

Thirty-four Mustang fighter planes swooped low over the ruined Benedictine monastery late today and dropped supplies to Indian troops marooned far up the hill for two days.

Snipers Dug in Deeply.

German snipers were dug so deeply into the rocky base of Monastery Hill and the rubble piled up by the great aerial attack of four days ago that it appeared practically impossible to blast them out.

The Indian troops, mostly the famed Ghurkas, were marooned on Hangman's Hill, an almost bare rocky knob jutting out from Monastery Hill about 100 yards below the peak. They have been cut off from supplies except by a most difficult portage route.

The Indians had only one radio set with them and it could be used but sparingly because of the necessity of conserving the batteries.

In reaching their difficult position, they passed completely over two of their objectives on the hillside, and it was not yet known what turn in the battle had caused them to move out on Hangman's Hill.

Relief Expected Soon.

Other Allied troops were fighting their way up the hill from different angles and it was expected a junction with the isolated Indians would be made soon.

As the fighter planes appeared over the hill with supplies, the Indians sent up clouds of green smoke. The first group of planes banked in front of the snow crest of Mt. Cairo and headed for Monastery Hill in single file.

Some of the red and green parachutes carrying food, ammunition and water drifted past Hangman's Hill and fell into the town itself.

In the town itself, the Germans were in two pockets of wrecked houses, six buildings in each pocket. There snipers sat back in protected positions and caused many casualties by firing at every observed movement.

In the first two days of the new battle within the town Allied troops took 79 prisoners, and it was believed this total was increased today.

A New Zealand soldier who had been in the town said many German bodies were found in the wreckage and that hands and legs were protruding from many piles of rubble.

Hand-to-Hand Fight.

The Germans in the southwest corner of Cassino were protected by supporting fire from Nazi positions on high ground to the west and southwest of the town. Allied Infantry went through a hurricane of mortar fire to engage the Germans in hand-to-hand struggles.

New Zealand troops started an attack toward the railroad station at the southern edge of Cassino shortly before noon yesterday and by 2 p. m. one or two tanks with some infantry were reported in the station.

(William H. Stoneman, Chicago Daily News-Post-Dispatch correspondent, said, however, that the Germans appeared to be still in possession of the station itself, although the Allied forces had penetrated into the station area.)

Dive-Bombing Attack.

Allied artillery engaged eight German tanks and antitank artillery nearby. As the New Zealand infantry went forward, 15 Focke-Wolfs appeared and dive-bombed them, but failed to break the attack.

(Describing the fighting around Monastery Hill, Stoneman said it was "astonishing that we should have gotten into the kind of shoving match we are now having, considering the amount of explosive we put into the town Wednesday."

(The German position in the hills west of the monastery "is very similar to what it was before Wednesday's bombardment," he said, and the fighting "threatens to develop into a stalemate despite the dash shown by the Indians.")

Attack Beaten Off.

Ground action on the Anzio beachhead was limited. Allied artillery and small arms fire broke up an attempted attack by about one company of Germans near the coast south of Cisterna. Only patrol activity was reported on the Eighth Army front.

The Swiss radio said Allied planes dropped a number of bombs in Rome this morning.

Nine enemy aircraft were shot down yesterday and 11 Allied planes were missing from a total of 1600 sorties, including operations against targets in Vienna.

Flying Fortresses attacked Bleiburg, in Austria, and Sibenik, on the Yugoslav coast.

Marauders hit the Cecina railroad bridge between Leghorn and Piombino on the Italian west coast railroad. Other Marauders hit the railroad yards at Mount Pescali.

Medium and fighter bombers attacked troop concentrations, supply dumps and gun positions west of Cassino and in the Anzio beachhead area. The towns of Ferentino and Frosinone were attacked and hits were scored on two railroad bridges and a tunnel near Terni.

$250,000 MEXICO (MO.) FIRE

MEXICO, Mo., March 18 (AP).—A $250,000 fire last night destroyed the Missouri Farmers Association feed mill and elevator, one of the oldest in Missouri, and 92,000 bushels of soy beans, wheat and corn.

Firemen from three neighboring cities helped the Mexico Fire Department in a three-hour fight to get the blaze under control.

Farley Calls on People to Be Alert To Totalitarian Trend of Nation

—By a Post-Dispatch Staff Photographer

JAMES A. FARLEY (left) and ARCHBISHOP JOHN J. GLENNON, a long-time friend of the former Postmaster General, at the St. Patrick's day dinner of the Catholic Club last night.

Asserts We Must Awaken From Indifference to Public Affairs—Points to Moral Fiber of Irish in St. Patrick's Day Talk.

A grave warning of a subtle trend toward totalitarianism in this country was sounded by James A. Farley in a St. Patrick's day address here last night, and he called on Irish-Americans, with their "realistic moral fiber," to lead the way in fighting for the preservation of freedom.

The former Postmaster General deplored the "abject reliance" of the citizen on the state—"a willingness to sell your political soul for a mess of economic pottage"—and declared: "This is beyond question the most serious of all discernible tendencies in modern states, including our own."

A profound recognition of humanitys' dependence on Divinity for a peaceful and orderly life, as expressed in the writings of St. Patrick, is the "prime fact from which all political philosophy must proceed if it is to make any sense," he asserted.

Farley spoke before 750 Catholic clergymen, politicians, civic leaders and laymen and many non-Catholic guests at the Jefferson Hotel. The dinner meeting, attended by Archbishop John J. Glennon, Gov. Forrest Donnell and Mayor Aloys P. Kaufmann, was sponsored by the Catholic Club of St. Louis.

In his address, Farley did not allude to Ireland's recent refusal to break relations with the Axis.

Indifference of the People.

He admonished citizens against indifference to public affairs and petitioned the Irish in America to maintain their "fierce and unyielding determination" to political independence in order that "no man, or group of men, or any nation shall rule others to any greater degree than the moral law requires."

"Liberty and good government," he said, "are not lost in political cataclysms. Political cave-ins occur only where the ground is soft. It's the erosion and rotting of the ground that really do the damage. And the pity of it is that few are sensitive enough in eye or ear to perceive what is going on."

He declared there are three symptoms of this, listing them as carelessness with the truth, a lack of moral scruples and an "abject reliance" of the citizen on the state.

"Political adventurers are past masters at the art of manipulating language so that the falsehood that serves their purpose is presented rather than the truth that does not serve them so well," he said.

"A lax willingness to let expediency be the guide to all political action" is the second symptom, he continued, the rule being, "If there is an advantage to be gained, do not be restrained by any moral principle binding your conscience, for there is no such a thing; take whatever action will gain your end."

Selling Our Political Souls.

The third symptom he described as "a willingness to sell your political soul."

"The hard fact is that nowhere in politics, economics or anywhere else do you get something for nothing," he said. "It's the third temptation of Christ all over again."

"Thus it happens that the public conscience becomes debauched and whole peoples sell themselves, imperceptibly but irrevocably, into bondage," he continued, "we have seen it happen in our own time.

"That it hasn't happened here is due in no small measure to the fact that it never happened in Ireland. The strong Irish influence in American political life has brought with it no more valuable contribution to social sanity and health than the tough and realistic Irish moral fiber that knows things for what they are and is neither deceived nor charmed by the seductive errors of collectivism and statism."

The religious-political philosophy of the Irish, as taught them by their patron saint, "has no room for the supine resignation that takes it as a matter of course that the lives of citizens should be shunted right or left, depending on what muddled impression some neurotic ex-college professor has drawn from the book he last read," Farley declared.

Archbishop Glennon, in a brief talk, extolled the universality of the Irish race, recalled the names of American war heroes of Irish extraction who have died in this war and stated, "but no matter what our blood strains, we are all brothers in the battle to preserve our fatherland, our homes and our liberty."

Short addresses also were made by Gov. Donnell and Mayor Kaufmann.

ST. LOUIS NEGRO SOPRANO GIVES CONVINCING RECITAL

Helen Lou Phillips, young local Negro soprano, gave a diversified and thoroughly musical song recital before a small audience at Sheldon Memorial Auditorium last night under the auspices of the Crusaders. The program contained Purcell and Mascagni arias, lieder by Schumann, Schubert and Strauss and compositions by Handel, Carpenter, Giannini, La Forge, Hall Johnson and Burleigh.

Miss Phillips has a fine, wide-ranged voice which she uses with complete assurance and intelligence. Although she sings lieder with a convincing appreciation of the interrelationship of text and music, and the intimacy which the form requires, she did not come through quite so favorably in the arias, for here dramatic feeling was wanting. Beautiful and studied as was the singing, there seemed to be a lack of insight into the theatrical values.

She is, however, a young singer who should be heard again and who deserves a larger audience than appeared last night. Wirt D. Walton played the accompaniments.
A. W. H.

ARCHBISHOP GLENNON HOPES THAT ROME WILL BE SPARED

Hope that a way "will be found by the leaders of our government and by our military leaders on the field of battle to avert the threatened destruction of Rome" is expressed by Archbishop John J. Glennon in a pastoral letter to be read in all Catholic churches here tomorrow.

The letter points out that Pope Pius XII has appealed "to all belligerents to protect the city and to keep it from being made the battleground on which two enemies will fight to annihilation... and to avert danger of destroying forever the priceless monuments that Christian culture has collected through the years."

The letter asks that all communicants offer prayers tomorrow for "the Holy Father and his intentions."

KAPELL IN RECITAL AT THE PRINCIPIA

Pianist Intersperses Too Much Trivia to Achieve Full Authority.

By THOMAS B. SHERMAN

William Kapell, the young American pianist who has appeared twice with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, gave his first recital in St. Louis last night in Howard Hall, the Principia.

Though Mr. Kapell demonstrated again that he was a pianist of more than ordinary talent, both in the quality and depth of his tone and his superior manual facility, his recital was not wholly satisfactory. First of all his program was too freely decorated with charming trivia and its two important numbers at the beginning did not achieve an accumulation of power and authority necessary to make them sound in the grand style.

The "fantasy" part of the Bach-Liszt Fantasy and Fugue in G-minor went very well, but the fugue was rather featureless. In Beethoven's "Pathetique" Sonata, he played the introductory chords as arpeggios and did the same when they reappeared again later on. This made them sound mannered rather than impressive and a too frequent rubato in the adagio left a sentimental rather than a poetic effect.

In the second half of the program, Mr. Kapell played three pieces from Prokofieff's "Music for Children," three Preludes by Shostakovitch and a group of four Chopin numbers. The big A-flat Polonaise was the most effective number of the recital, being appropriately robust and strongly rhythmical. For his encores, Mr. Kapell played the Shostakovitch "Polka" twice, a Brahms Capriccio and an arrangement of Bach's chorale "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring."

PARENTS RECEIVE TRAGIC 'WILL' OF ST. LOUIS PILOT

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from the War Department, probably stating, 'Your son has been reported missing in action.' This isn't the final word, but it does mean I've failed to return from a raid and as yet no definite word can be given to you as to whether I've been killed or whether I've managed to get out of the ship.

"If you should receive such a telegram, don't give me up as lost as it is very possible I am a prisoner of war or that I've escaped capture and am escaping through France or that possibly my ship was in such condition I was able to fly it over to some neutral country and am now interned in the country until the end of the war. Should the final word come through 'killed in action,' then there isn't much sense in having any false hopes, because the telegram is the final word.

"If I am killed, I want you, my folks, to know I couldn't have had better parents—parents who have constantly throughout my span of life done everything to make my life as full as humanly possible. I'm deeply grateful for every effort on your part and I'm sorry I didn't have the chance to repay you both in some small manner. May God watch over you and protect you and some day repay you for all the sacrifices you've both made for me."

The letter then referred to Miss Margaret Thomas of Columbus, O., to whom Lt. Kriegshauser was engaged.

"As for Peg," he wrote, "I don't intend to write a letter of farewell, but I do wish you would notify her of any telegrams you receive. Peg was the only girl I've ever really loved, and someday, as soon as possible, I had hopes of making her my wife.

"My final word is that I'm glad to have been able to lay down my life for a cause which I believed was just and right."

On March 3, the day before Mr. and Mrs. Kriegshauser received the official notice of their son's death, they were informed in a formal announcement that Lt. Kriegshauser had been awarded the Air Medal and an Oak Leaf Cluster in recognition of his service in combat missions over France and Germany.

Funeral of Merchant Seaman.

Funeral services for Seaman Roy R. Brewster Jr., of the Merchant Marine, whose body was recovered from the Mississippi River Wednesday near Plaquemine, La., will be at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow at the Baumann Bros. undertaking establishment, 2504 Woodson road, Overland. He was reported missing Feb. 25 from a barge. Burial will be in Sunset Burial Park He was 21 years old. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Brewster Sr., live at 3407 Brown road. His wife, Mrs. Virginia Brewster, lives in Wood River.

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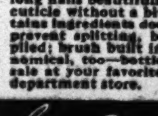

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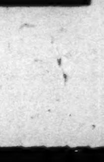


Walker Cooper Signs, Mort Now Only Cardinal Regular Not in the Fold

Southworth On Way to Cairo Camp

By J. Roy Stockton

Walker Cooper, the Cardinals' No. 1 catcher, signed his 1944 contract at Sportsman's Park this afternoon, after a conference with Sam Breadon, leaving Walker's brother, Morton, as the only important member of the club known to be unsigned. Details of the new W. Cooper contract were not disclosed, Breadon saying merely that the signing followed a "very pleasant conversation."

Morton Cooper, Breadon said, was out of the city, having gone to Kansas City on personal business.

Breadon said he estimated about 24 Cardinal players would report to Manager Billy Southworth at Cairo in time for the opening practice session Monday morning.

"The way I look at the contract business is that there aren't any holdouts and won't be any until we have been in camp a day or two," Breadon said. "Some of the boys who are satisfied with the terms of their contracts have not returned them signed, but that doesn't mean anything. Many of them will take their contracts with them to Cairo. And I won't consider Mort Cooper a holdout until he fails to report at Cairo."

Breadon said it was impossible to state with any accuracy the size of the squad that could be expected at Cairo. For instance, he had expected Ted Wilks, right-handed pitcher from Columbus, to be among those reporting Monday, but a dispatch from Fulton, N. Y., today disclosed that Wilks had been reclassified 1-A and ordered to report for induction April 1.

The Cardinels' spring training roster includes 30 players, but among those listed are Ernie White, who already is in the Army and Wilks, who probably will not report, unless rejected after his induction examination.

Manager Southworth and Coaches Wares and Gonzales departed today for Cairo, to prepare the camp for training. Southworth announced he probably would hold one long workout a day, starting practice games as soon as there were enough men in camp to form two teams. He also plans evening sessions, at which there will be special instruction for pitchers and new members of the squad in cut-off and other defensive plays, which are an important part of the team strategy.

Dr. Harrison J. Weaver, club trainer, also departed for the spring camp to prepare his equipment to combat aches and pains.

Ted Wilks in 1-A.

FULTON, N. Y., March 18 (AP). —Ted Wilks, who pitched for Columbus of the American Association last season, announced today he had been reclassified from 3-A to 1-A by his draft board, on the eve of his departure for the St. Louis Cardinals' training camp at Cairo, Ill.

Wilks, who won 17 and lost seven for Columbus in 1943, was ordered to report for induction April 1. He is 28, married and the father of a daughter. He has been working as a boiler attendant.

Pesky Transferred.

BAINGRIDGE, Md., March 18 (AP).—Johnny Pesky, ace Boston Red Sox shortstop and runnerup to Ted Williams for the 1942 American League batting championship, has been transferred to Atlanta for gunnery training, Bainbridge Naval Tarining Station officials reported yesterday. Pesky will be eligible for an ensign's commission at the completion of his Georgia training.

NAVY SEEKING OFFICERS IN GROUP TO BE INDUCTED

About 35 per cent of the 10,000 men in the St. Louis area who face induction because of the recent ruling ending occupational deferments for men in the 18 to 25 age group, should be able to qualify for commissions as naval officers, Lt. Comdr. Hugh Macmillan, officer in charge of the St. Louis office of Naval Officer Procurement, said yesterday.

"The Navy," he said, "needs many thousand general duty officers, and must procure them from cevilians whose education and professional background qualify them for this service." The Navy has extended the age limit for general duty officers to 38 years because of this.

A college degree is no longer required. A candidate now needs only two years of college and five years of business experience. He added that numerous billets are available for men trained in electrical, mechanical and aeronautical engineering. Men with training in mathematics, through calculus and college physics, may qualify for aerology and radio detection.

POLICEMAN KILLED BY BOY, 15

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 18 (AP).—Alva N. Mead, 38 years old, a member of the police force only a few weeks, was shot and killed early today. A 15-year-old boy later was turned over to the police by a taxicab driver, who said the youth, suffering from a bullet wound in the leg, asked to be driven to a hopsital. Police said the boy admitted shooting Mead.

More Protection for Catcher

—Associated Press Photo.

MANAGER BILLY SOUTHWORTH (left) and SAM BREADON, president of the Cardinals, look over a new type of shinguard for catchers, which they agree will give added protection to the man behind the plate. The new guard will be tried out at the training camp at Cairo, Ill., starting next Monday.

Elgin Gains Final Round In Illinois Prep Tourney

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., March 18 (AP).—Elgin won a place in the final round of the Illinois High School basketball tournament by defeating South Shore of Chicago, 48-47, for its third straight upper bracket triumph.

The Big Eight conference co-champions furnished another thrilling second-half rally for the fans who had marveled at Champaign's great quarterfinal comeback against Canton—but Elgin had to fight to the finish and took the one-point lead only 55 seconds before the final gun.

South Shore had rushed to 15-9 and 31-19 advantages after the first two quarters and fought desperately against Elgin's hard driving offense, but the Maroons grew hotter and hotter on their long shots from outside South Shore's zone, tying it 38-38, as the third quarter ended.

In the other semifinal game, Taylorville held a 23-18 lead over Champaign at the half.

In yesterday's second round, Elgin defeated Anna-Jonesboro, 65-38, and South Shore upset West Rockford, 39-33.

Taylorville rolled to a quarter-final round victory over Kewanee, 51-30.

Champaign staged one of the great scoring exhibitions of tournament competition when it stunned Canton by punching in 17 points in the first three and one-half minutes of the third quarter.

Canton had led, 26-19, at the halfway mark, but never recovered from Champaign's amazing offensive, and the Big Twelve Conference champions roared to a final 57-42 triumph.

Flashy Jesse Clements, who tossed in 16 points, and Jack Weiss, with 15, paced the assault with rapid-fire baskets, while Canton's scoring machinery slowed down almost completely.

Altogether, Champaign made 20 tallies in the third period while holding Canton to one field goal.

The two-session total of 14,062 fans established a new two-day record attendance of 35,712, exceeding last year's 34,667.

Lt. Hunt Is Winner.

DALLAS, Tex., March 18 (AP). —Lt. J. R. (Joe) Huns, national men's singles tennis champion, defeated Lt. (jg) Ted Schroeder, 1942 champion, 6-4, 6-4, in the feature event of a sports program last night at the Grand Prairie Naval Air Station. Both are stationed there.

Meramecs Win In 'Y' Tourney

The Meramec Caverns, favorite to take the interstate basketball tournament at the Granite City Y. M. C. A. won their first victory on a forfeit from the U. S. Cartridge squad, the latter team failing to put in an appearance.

The Fleishman Clothiers beat Standard Oil of Wood River, 44-36, while the G. E. Hilgard Post 58 won from Granite City Steel, 48-39. Bill Binig won from Silver Seal, 41-34.

Banderin, Argentine Race Horse, Dead

BUENOS AIRES, March 18 (AP).—Banderin, as widely known to Argentine turf followers as Count Fleet is among those in the United States, died yesterday while working out in preparation for Sunday's American classic. Death was attributed to a heart condition.

Banderin, by Alan Brek out of Barandilla, had won all his starts this season as a four-year-old and had shoved his earnings to 407,775 pesos. That total is surpassed in Argentine turf history only by Macon, who gathered 446,-635 pesos, some two decades ago.

The colt, owned by the Rio Parana Stables, was to have started in only two more races before being retired to the stud. In all, he started 19 times, won 13 times and was out of the money only once.

Handball Title to Zurfluh.

Charles Zurfluh took the singles championship of the Y. M. C. A. Industrial Handball League tournament yesterday afternoon, winning from Joe Diamond, 21-15, 21-10. He also teamed with Diamond to win the doubles crown from Clarence Horner and Maurice Dreyfus, 21-8, 17-21, 21-12. All the players represented McQuay-Norris.

SHORT WAVES

TEDDY YAROSZ, former middleweight champion, has been ordered to report to the Pittsburgh induction center for final examination next Thursday. . . Yarosz, married and father of two children, recently was reclassified 1-A. . . JAKE LA MOTTA, New York 163-pounder, gave Coley Welch a left-handed pounding to the head and body to gain a 10-round decision in a bout at Boston. . . .

YAROSZ

The eleventh annual meeting of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE RACING COMMISSIONS will be held at Chicago, July 3-7. . . . Suggestions for improving the sport will be considered at the confab. . . . DAVID F. WOODS, a director of the Maryland Jockey Club, said that he had passed his physical examination for induction into the Army. . . . He is 35, married and the father of two children. . . .

COACH BUN COOK of the Cleveland Barons of the American Hockey League announced that he had signed Goalie Harvey Teno, formerly of the Pittsburgh Hornets, for the title playoffs beginning next Tuesday. . . . He will replace Paul Gauthier, who is suffering from a leg injury. . . PAUL GEHRMAN, 20-game winner for Los Angeles last season, is now a private at Camp White, Medford, Ore. . . .

Detroit seems to have acquired a pitcher after the Rube Waddell pattern in signing 33-year-old JOE HARE. . . .When he was with the Portland Beavers several years ago he frequently disappeared. . . . Hare would be gone three and four days at a stretch, then turn up, ready and willing to pitch. . . . In 1938 he disappeared for two months and finally called up from some town in Texas. . . . He was told to stay there.

Illinois-Ohio State Game at Cleveland

CLEVELAND, March 18 (AP). —The 1944 Illinois-Ohio State Big Ten football game was scheduled for Nov. 18 in the Cleveland Stadium.

Harrison Leader in Golf Meet

CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 18 (AP).—The Army had its second chance of the week at an open golf championship as Sgt. E. J. (Dutch) Harrison of the air forces led the field into the second round of the $10,000 Charlotte Open today.

The slender, soft-spoken soldier breezed over the par-72 Myers Park course in 66 strokes in the first round, the first time he had played since finishing twelfth in the Texas Open last month.

The Army had a crack at the North and South in Pinehurst earlier this week when Clayton Heafner, big infantryman from Camp Croft, S. C., led after 36 holes only to have his score sail off into the wild blue yonder in the third round.

Yesterday Heafner, playing before a gallery of thousands of home-town boosters, needed 73 shots. He wound up in fourteenth place, seven strokes behind the Flying Dutchman from Greensboro (N. C.) A. A. F. station. So if Harrison is to get any help in capturing the prize for the services it likely will come from Navy-bound Sammy Byrd, the reformed ball player.

Byrd, awaiting his Navy summons, was in good position with an erratic 70, made up of only seven pars, a double bogey, three bogeys and seven birdies.

Standing between them and first money are the three pre-tournament favorites, Jug McSpaden, winner of four winter meets; Byron Nelson, favored in any golf meet he enters and second to McSpaden in the winter list, and Craig Wood, National Open champion for the duration.

McSpaden, who has an average of better than 69 for all rounds this year, showed no sign of cooling off as he carded an easy 67. Nelson and Wood, along with the veteran Jimmy Hines, were even with Byrd in the 70 slot.

Big Ed Dudley of Atlantic City, with a 71, was the only other performer to better par. Bob Hamilton, the flu-ridden North and South champion, had an even par 72.

The field of more than 100 pros and amateurs will be reduced after today's round to the low 50 and ties, who will battle it out over the final 36 holes tomorrow.

Semifinals Tonight In Bethlehem Baskets

Bethlehem will meet Immanuel at 8:15 tonight and Salem opposes Pilgrim an hour later in the semifinal games of the junior basketball tournament sponsored by the Bethlehem Athletic Board at the church gym.

In the consolation round, Zion faces Mount Calvary at 6:15 and St. Paul will meet Fourth Baptist at 7:15. Finals are tomorrow at 1:45.

Women's Volleyball Tournament Tonight

Nine teams have entered the Ozark A. A. U. women's volleyball tournament which will be contested tonight at the Y. M. H. A. opening at 7 o'clock. Finals are at 11.

Teams entered are two each from the Y. W. H. A., the Southwest Turner's Association, North St. Louis Turners Hall; Sherman Park, Mines Equipment Co., and the Pine Street Y. W. H. A. The Y. W. H. A. No. 1 squad will defend its title.

Buder Rams 32-30 Winner.

The Buder Rams defeated St. Francis de Sales, 32-30, in a basketball game last night, John Dangan leading the scoring with 11 points.

High Rollers

SINGLE	THREE
MELENE RECREATION. Ladies' League.	
Dorothy Meyer 233	Dorothy Meyer 577
ROGERS RECREATION. Ladies' Garment Workers.	
H. Bohler 181	H. Bohler 486
Frisco Men.	
G. Davis 224	H. Fresse 563
Jolly Rollers.	
S. Dix 191	S. Dix 500
Women's Traffic Club.	
B. Doenzer 216	E. Eckelkamp 524
Traffic League.	
W. McKane 233	E. Kaiser 600
W. & S. RECREATION. Northwest Scratch League.	
M. Gallagher 256	M. Gallagher 639
Friday Afternoon League.	
M. Cronin 187	M. Cronin 481
ARWAY RECREATION. St. Louis Wholesale Grocers.	
M. Erffmeyer 234	Ted Triska 565
WELLSTON ALLEYS. Greater St. Louis Handicap. First Set.	
Len Weldner 205	Len Weldner 574
Second Set.	
Percy Horsfall 222	Ferd Diestel 563
Curtiss-Wright Girls' League.	
Kittie Hoorman 177	Kittie Hoorman 490
BOWLING ESQUIRE. Alco Valve.	
R. Fite 189	R. Mueller 491
ST. ANTHONY'S ALLEYS. St. Anthony's Friday Night League.	
Lily Wild 225	Lily Wild 584
FAIRGROUND ALLEYS. North Side American Legion.	
R. Sanders 223	J. Sleckmann 554
Bell Telephone Girls.	
V. Morrissey 186	V. Morrissey 505
SWEENEY'S RECREATION. Scruggs-Vandervoort-Barneys.	
Dan Murphy 209	Wm. Huber 533
GRAND-PARK ALLEYS. Friday Night Ladies' League.	
E. Fisher 201	E. Fisher 512
Woodward-Tiernan League.	
Jack Cramer 203	Jack Cramer 537
Frank Barra 203	Frank Barra 537
Grand-Park Business Men.	
J. Puff 232	T. Cato 610
SARATOGA RECREATION. Ladies' Friday Night Matinee.	
M. Liemann 179	Marge Kinsella 473
L. Allen 179	
Maplewood Industrial.	
E. Fuszner 233	E. Fuszner 659
HEIDEL ALLEYS. Ladies' Victory League.	
E. Vordtriede 235	E. Vordtriede 561
Friday Night Ladies.	
H. Mueller 221	M. Becker 564
Business Men's League.	
C. Will 249	W. Wulf 637
Santa Maria.	
A. Reine 233	L. Exler 596
Men's Victory League.	
H. Wege 235	H. Wege 613
STEIN BROTHERS St. Louis Hills Commercial.	
F. Gassman 245	
Frank Carr 245	C. Fletcher 626
U. CITY BOWLING LANES. Gouts and Lumbago League.	
O. Brooks 225	A. J. Spaulding 598

International Pact For Baseball Is Sought by Hornsby

MEXICO CITY, March 18 (AP)

AN international baseball agreement between the United States and Mexico and perhaps also including Cuba and Venezuela, was proposed today by Rogers Hornsby.

The former St. Louis Cardinal star, who quit as general manager of the inactive Fort Worth Texas League team to teach baseball-wild Mexicans the fine points of the game, asserted that such a "treaty" would eliminate squawks about one country taking players from another.

Track Aces in Chicago Relays

CHICAGO, March 18 (AP).—If stiff competition will produce record-breaking performances, there's apt to be a fair quota of them tonight in the eighth annual Chicago Relays at Chicago Stadium. Approximately 180 of the nation's greatest track and field stars are entered.

Heading the list are Gil Dodds, the Boston divinity student who last Saturday whittled the world indoor mile record to 4 minutes 7.3 seconds, and Ens. Cornelius Warmerdam, only man in the world who has pole vaulted more than 15 feet.

The galaxy of stars includes four other Chicago Relays champions, seven winners in the recent A. A. U. meet at New York, victors in 11 events of last week's Big Ten indoor championships, plus outstanding performers from Notre Dame, Marquette, Great Lakes, Iowa Pre-Flight, Western Michigan and Lawrence.

Doods hopes to lower his own mile mark and, in view of the competition, that may be requisite to victory. Among his rivals are Bill Hulse, American outdoor mile champion, Rudy Simms, sensational New York U. freshman, and Bob Hume, Big Ten co-champion.

For Warmerdam the meet will be his first competition of the season, a factor which observers say might militate against his chances of topping the world record of 15 feet 8¾ inches he set in last year's relays.

103 Football Players Out at Notre Dame

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 18 (AP).—Ed McKeever, assistant Notre Dame football coach, checked on the performance of 103 candidates for the Irish grid team when they turned out for the first spring practice yesterday—but most of the afternoon practice was under direction of newsreel and cameramen who chronicled the opening of the four-week sessions.

Seven lettermen from last year's national championship team showed up. They were John Adams and George Sullivan, tackles; Gaspar Urban, guard; and Frank Dancewicz, Fred Earley, Bob Kelly, and Johnny Lujack, backs.

Major City Loop Rolls In City Event Tonight

The Emerson Electrics and the Major City Leagues will occupy the alleys this week end in the City Handicap bowling tournament at Rogers Recreation.

Present leader is the "P" Callers of the Army Air Force, with a score of 3229. Al Alnether is on top in the singles with 763 and R. Bauer and C. Vigges top the doubles at 1297.

Tomorrow the Gravois Tuesday Handicap League, the Lions Council, the Santa Maria Knights of Columbus, the Busch-Selzer Employes' League, the Heidel Spotlight and Rogers Commercial will roll.

Zack Taylor on Way To Brownie Camp

ORLANDO, Fla., March 18 (AP).—James Wren (Zack) Taylor, St. Louis Browns' coach who is entering his third decade in baseball, left his Winter Park home yesterday for Cape Girardeau, Mo., where the Brownies are training.

Army Plans Battlefront Olympics After the War

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP).—When peace comes to the world, the athletes in uniform may join in battlefront Olympics, an army plan of international service games to help heal the scars of war.

Although the proposal lacks official confirmation, the Army is getting ready now for service games which may begin on the spot at war fronts and wind up with an international finals in some major Allied capital like London.

The games may be dedicated to the young athletes of the world who lost their lives in battle.

Rep. Mike Monroney (Dem.), Oklahoma, said he had learned that the Army is making plans for the postwar sports events.

The special services division has drafted an outline calling for preliminary competition in the various theaters of war.

Members of Congress are enthusiastic about the games' possibilities:

"It would be the shortest road to travel back to normalcy, and a strong step toward international amity," Monroney said.

Representatives Weiss (Dem.), Pennsylvania, said he "heartily endorses" the Army's idea and that it would be a "great world-wide morale builder."

Many a bright young star of the past few years will never run again, but prewar stars from San Jose College to Notre Dame will probably be among the eligibles. A quick once-over of those now in service includes these:

Dashes: Barney Ewell, Penn State; Eulace Peacock, Temple; Harold Davis, California.

Hurdles: Thomas Todd, Jr., Virginia; Ray Ramsey, Bradley Tech.

440-yard dash: Charles Beetham, Ohio State; Francis Cotter, Fordham.

Half mile: Joe Nowicki, Fordham; Beetham.

Mile: Leslie Mac Mitchell, New York University; Frank Dixon, New York University.

Two-mile: Greg Rice, Notre Dame; Ollie Hunter, Notre Dame.

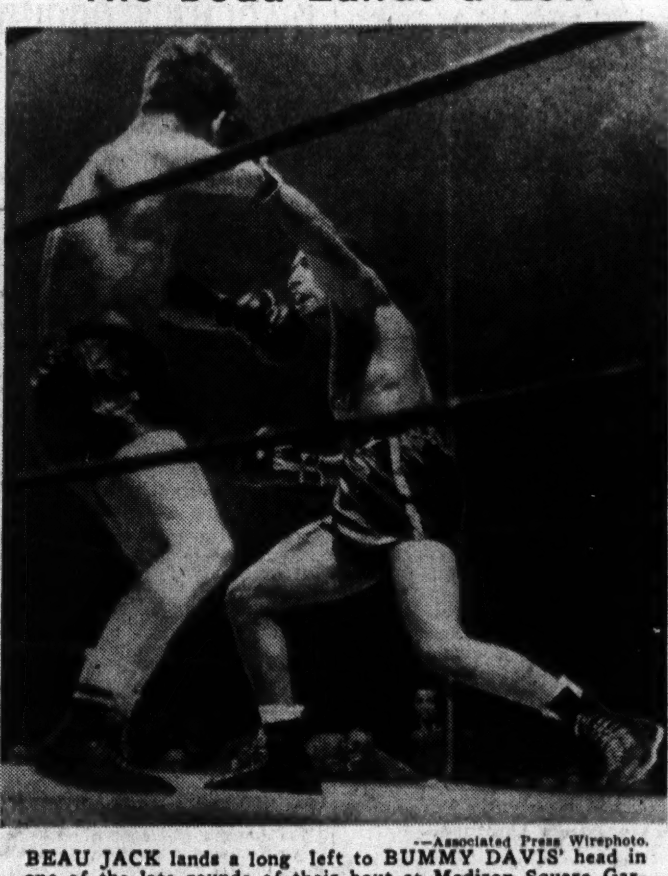
Pole vault: Cornelius Warmerdam, Fresno State.

High jump: Bill Vessie, Columbia; Joshua Williamson, Atlantic City.

Broad jump: Barney Ewell, Penn State; Ed Gordon, Iowa; Peacock.

Weights: Al Blozis, Georgetown.

The Beau Lands a Left



—Associated Press Wirephoto.

BEAU JACK lands a long left to BUMMY DAVIS' head in one of the late rounds of their bout at Madison Square Garden last night. Jack won the decision in 10 rounds.

Beau Jack Gives Davis Artistic Lacing Before Crowd of 19,963 Fans

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP).—He doesn't hold a championship, this bounding Beau Jack of Augusta, Ga., but he's the No. 1 gate attraction in today's depleted fistic ranks.

Last night, 19,963 fans paid $132,823 to watch him hand Al Davis, the Brooklyn bomber, one of the most artistic lacings anyone has ever taken over the 10-round route.

That gate, over which Promoter Mike Jacobs and the Red Cross smiled broadly, boosted the Beau's 12-match Garden gate to $947,477, an average of $78,956. No one has made the Garden turnstiles click like that since heavyweight champion Joe Louis donned his khaki uniform.

The ex-bootblack from Georgia, who has twice held the New York version of the lightweight championship, didn't appear awed by the lethal left hook with which Davis disposed of his two latest foes in a total of two minutes and 41 seconds.

Beau Jack elected to get out of his usual crouch, and forget his weaving tactics, to slug it out with the Brooklyn boy who was rated one of the best punchers among the little fellows. The Beau weathered a first-round flurry which had him floundering a bit, and won the rest of the way, as he beat Davis at his own slugging game.

On Jan. 18 Davis blasted Buster Beaupre into unconsciousness in 98 seconds. On Feb. 18 he kayoed Bob Montgomery in 63 seconds, both knockouts coming from his famed left hook. Only two weeks ago, after being flattened for the first time in his career by Davis, Montgomery lifted the New York version of the lightweight title from Beau Jack.

That, to most folks, would have installed the Brooklyn slugger as a favorite over the Beau, but the **Jacobs beach boys tagged the bootblack as a 5-to-13 favorite and he came through for 'em—the first favorite to win in five weeks in the Garden.**

So one-sided was the scrap that one judge gave Beau Jack all 10 rounds, the other gave him nine and called one even, and the referee gave Davis one and Beau Jack nine. The Associated Press card was eight for the Beau, and two even.

Davis, weighing 142½, had a 4½-pound advantage over the winner. Beau Jack will meet Juan Zurita, Mexico's new NBA lightweight king, in the Garden March 31 in his next outing.

LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTS

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK—Beau Jack, 138, Augusta, Ga., outpointed Al "Bummy" Davis, 142½, Brooklyn (10); Roman Alvarez, 140¼, New York, outpointed Pete Lello, 134, Gary, Ind. (6).

BOSTON—Jake Lamotta, 163, New York, outpointed Coley Welch, 163½, Portland, Me. (10); Howard Thompson, 204, Saugus, Mass., outpointed Earle Louman, 217, Washington (8).

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Jackie Leamus, 134½, New York, outpointed Julio Malavez, 137, Puerto Rico (10); Al Rossi, 165, Everett, Mass., outpointed Johnny Jones, 167½, Boston (6).

WORCESTER, Mass.—Willie Roache, 130, Wilmington, Del., outpointed George Salamone, 133, East Boston (10); Tiger Nelson, 145, Miami, outpointed Joey Lemieux, 142, New Bedford (8).

AUGUSTA, Me. — Johnny Coe, 136, Medford, Mass., outpointed Fern Pelletier, 136, Lewiston, Me. (8); Bob Bunford, 136, Augusta, and Eddie Hudson, 132, Bath, drew (8).

READING, Pa. — Hubert Samuels, 134½, Philadelphia, knocked out Lester "Cueball" Young, 139, Philadelphia (1); Ray Scully, 166, Reading, knocked out Teddy Horton, 167, Philadelphia (5).

PHILADELPHIA — Jiggs Donohue, 147½, Philadelphia, outpointed Eddie Allen, 142½, Philadelphia (8); Johnny Finney, 165¼, Philadelphia, outpointed Nelson Canty, 160¾, Philadelphia (6).

HOLLYWOOD, Cal.—Melvin Johnson, 137½, Chicago, outpointed Eddie Marcus, 136, Los Angeles (10).

SAN FRANCISCO—Holman Williams, 160, Detroit, Mich., outpointed "Battling" Munroe, 163, Springfield, Mass. (10).

PORTLAND, Ore.—Joe Kahut, 174½, Woodburn, Ore., knocked out Pancho Roderiguez, 170, Sonora, Mexico (4); Jack Flood, 188, Washington, D. C., knocked out Kayo Hooker, 187, Portland (4).

Americans Shush Neighbors At British Boxing Bouts

EIGHTH AIRFORCE SERVICE COMMAND BASE, England, March 15 (Delayed) (AP).—American soldiers at this base got a glimpse of British boxing at its traditional best tonight along with an admonition from Francis Archibald Kelhead Douglas to toss aside the rule book when fighting the Germans and Japs.

Coming from Douglas it carried official weight with these ring-wise Americans for he is tenth Marquis of Queensberry, grandson of the man who drafted the prize ring rules.

In a brief talk before at least 800 officers and enlisted men jamming the gymnasium to see a series of bouts by first English and then American boxers, he said through the years Britain had stuck to the tradition calling for complete silence from the spectators while the boxers were in action, and points here were scored principally on straight lefts rather than allround aggressiveness, as in the United States.

Britain's best amateurs specially selected by Queensberry put on a series of three-round bouts under the same conditions which existed for years at the famous National Sporting Club.

A tuxedoed master of ceremonies explained with tongue in cheek the courtesies expected of Americans, who neither understand British boxing style nor comprehend the sense in keeping quiet.

The experiment almost failed in the first bout when several soldiers forgot themselves as action grew heated and began shouting as they would at home.

"Gentlemen," shouted the master of ceremonies, rising at the edge of the ring, "please—your silence is requested."

Americans soon got into the spirit of things and they could be heard shushing neighbors at the slightest noise.

They applauded politely if enthusiastically at the end of each round. When the Britons finished, however, the Americans were given a chance to yell their lungs out as Capt. Steve Hamas of Passaic, N. J., onetime well-known heavyweight, now athletic officer at this station, presented a couple of bouts between Americans to help spectators contrast styles.

In these bouts, Pvt. Cipri Martinez of Tracey, Cal., a lightweight, won a decision over Cpl. Syl Guayardo of Detroit, Mich., and Pfc. Tut Tabor of Oakland, Cal., a middleweight, outpointed Pfc. Harry Miller of Philadelphia.

41 Eligibles for Arkansas Derby

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 18 (AP).—Twelve Kentucky Derby eligibles today headed a record list of 41 three-year-olds nominated for the ninth running of the $10,000 Added Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park April 1.

Racing Secretary Eugene Bury said this was the largest number of nominees in history of the Oaklawn classic.

The Kentucky Derby eligibles were: Col. C. V. Whitney's Signals Boke and Alamein; C. U. Yeager's Valdina Perion, the Brolite Farm's Challenge Me, James Emery's High Harp, the Reynolds Brothers' Commanche Peak; Dave Ferguson's Bell Buzzer, and American Eagle, Shut Up, Elissa B., So Gallant and Sickletoy.

Other topnotch three-year-olds entered included W. I. Lunt's High Fox, Joseph Keith's Four Deep, the Capital B Farm's Captain Eddie, the Four Oaks Stable's Big Head and Donna Ray Stable's Texas Sandman.

Mar-Kell is Favored.

MIAMI, Fla., March 18 (AP).—Warren Wright's Mar-Kell, with three wins in four starts this year, was the overnight favorite to win today's mile and an eighth $5000 Coral Gables handicap at Tropical Park.

Coward and Dupuy's Marriage, topweighted at 120 pounds, was rated as Mar-Kell's chief competitor, although the horse finished fifth in the Widener handicap after winning the $25,000 New Orleans handicap.

The field of 10 also included C. B. Deberry's Corydon, Indian Rock Stable's Alaflag, D. MacVean's Arrow Rock, Mrs. J. Eitinger's Sir Marlboro, Circle M Ranch's Copperman, Mrs. Marie Evans' Shot Put and T. D. Buhl's Sweep Swinger.

Titlists in Young Billikens Ring Event

Ken Gereau knocked out Pierre Carton in one minute and 40 seconds of the second round to feature the finals of the St. Louis U. High School's boxing tournament yesterday afternoon. They fought at 148 pounds.

Bill Erker, 115, stopped Pat Long in the third for another championship. Results:

Junior.

100 POUNDS—Dick Hunkins decisioned Frank Gross.
105 POUNDS — Bob Rooney decisioned Joe Webb.
115 POUNDS — Bill Erker stopped Pat Long, third round.
125 POUNDS — Nick Fehrenbach decisioned Sam Gianino.
148 POUNDS—Ken Gereau knocked out Pierre Carton, 1:40, in second round.
140 POUNDS — Jack Steuby decisioned Bill Ostermeyer.

Senior.

125 POUNDS — Bill McGuire decisioned Dick Leonard.
145 POUNDS — Stan Esson decisioned Tom Wilmering.
155 POUNDS — Warren Berger decisioned Harry Hegeman.
175 POUNDS—Bill Young decisioned Al Kolmer.

Jennings Will Play Herkner for Title

SEBRING, Fla., March 18 (AP). —Sixty-six-year-old Charles H. Jennings of Roaring Gap, N. C., four times champion, and 50-year-old Peter Herkner of Cleveland, O., yesterday won their way to the finals of the tenth annual tournament for amateur senior golfers at the Kenilworth Lodge course.

Jennings eliminated Raleigh W. Lee of Columbus, O., three-time titleholder, 3 and 1, while Herkner, the tournament's medalist, had little difficulty in defeating Fred A. Jensen of Chicago 7 and 5.

Armstrong Placed in 1-A by Draft Board

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md., March 18 (AP).—Hamerin' Henry Armstrong, the only man to hold three world boxing titles simultaneously, surprised G. I.s at this army post last night when he refereed the weekly fights and announced his California draft board had put him in 1-A.

The "human buzz-saw" told the soldiers he was in excellent condition for his fight in Washington Monday night against Frankie Wills and that he expected to weigh in at 142 pounds, comfortably below the welterweight limit.

Armstrong at one time held the welterweight, featherweight and lightweight crowns.

Cpl. Marik, Muny Star, Killed in South Pacific

Corp. Cliff Marik, formerly a well known star in Muny athletics, has been killed in action in the South Pacific, his mother, Mrs. L. Marik, 7342 Etzel, was informed in a telegram yesterday. He had served about 20 months overseas.

Marik was captain of the 1938-40 Food Center football team and was active in Muny competition for 15 years. He also was an umpire. Marik volunteered in the Marines Jan. 31, 1942.

Bay Meadows Opens.

SAN MATEO, Cal., March 18 (AP).—Topped by the $2500 Inaugural Handicap over six furlongs, Bay Meadow track opens its spring racing meeting today for a run of 56 or more days.

VICTORY FOR JAPS IMPOSSIBLE, SAYS SOVIET MAGAZINE

Tokyo's Fleet Won't Dare Begin Operations Any More, Trade Union Journal Asserts.

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, March 18 (AP).—The Soviet trade union journal War and The Working Class—in its frankest, boldest discussion of the Japanese war situation—says that the Japanese fleet "will not dare begin active operations any more."

The current issue of the magazine says in an article by Eugenie Zhukov, that "the spirit of the Japanese people is sinking" and declared that great alarm has been caused in the country by an official declaration on the monthly plane production rate of the United States. Russia and Japan are not at war.

Explaining that only a few people in Japan believe announcements of any victory anymore, the magazine says:

"Optimistic declarations of her (the Japanese) ministers are in direct contradiction with real facts. The ruling circles seek to conceal the lack of successes of the Japanese armed forces on almost all fronts. It is apparent now that Japan's plan to inflict a blow on Burma has failed.

"The Japanese fleet will not dare begin active operations any more. The British and Americans enjoy unchallenged superiority on a number of sectors of the front. The Japanese citizen, accustomed to trumpets of victory, is confused. He cannot understand what has happened to the 'despised British and the unwarlike nation,' America."

Orders to evacuate Japanese cities demonstrated the alarm caused by the announcement that the United States will turn out more than 8500 planes monthly while Japan cannot produce more than 1200 monthly, the magazine said.

ALLIES CONSTRUCT, GARRISON BURMA BASE IN 24 HOURS

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nal of the cartoon strip character, Flip Corkin.

Japs Taken by Surprise.

The bold attack caught the Japanese completely by surprise. Allied forces established the air base and fanned out into a widening offensive east and west out of their new strongpoint, southeast of Myitkyina, before the Japanese discovered that their supply lines between north and south Burma were in danger of being cut.

(Maps indicate the new Allied force has carved out a position no more than 20 miles from the southwestern China border, 240 miles northeast of Mandalay.

(A spokesman for the Southeast Asia command said the air invasion, which began the night of March 5, caught the enemy napping. Eight days passed before the Japanese woke up to the fact that the strong Allied offensive force was in the middle of their vulnerable north central Burma positions.

Five Jap Planes Downed.

(Their first air attack on the airfields was frustrated on March 13. Spitfires then operating from the new airstrips drove off the enemy planes, shooting down five.

(During the period when transport planes were shuttling back and forth with reinforcements, fighters and fighter-bombers caught a heavy force of Japanese aircraft on their airfield nearest the site of the landings, and destroyed 32 enemy aircraft.)

I was on the field when the first American gliders filled with British assault troops and American engineers took off. They were equipped with machinery to make a landing strip quickly to pave the way for the major attacking force waiting at bases on the Indian side.

In preparation for the invasion, bombers and fighters from an American air base in India lashed at Japanese supply lines and troop concentrations and in one quick operation destroyed one-fifth of the enemy's air strength in Burma.

As soon as they landed in Burma, British assault troops raced to strategic positions around the valley.

Airstrip in 24 Hours.

American engineers unloaded machinery from the gliders and began making an airstrip for the transports which were to bring in the fighting force.

Working throughout the night and all the next day they smoothed off the floor of the valley. Some 24 hours later, the airdrome was completed and the first transport with troops and mules landed.

One transport plane landed with a mule's head sticking through its top. British troops were forced to shoot one which broke loose in another plane over enemy territory. Unable to lift the carcass out of the plane, the flyers had to return to India.

A huge generator built into one glider furnished electricity for landing lights along the strip. For two hours the transports landed or took off from the field at the rate of one every 47 seconds.

Second Force Lands.

Even while the transports were bringing reinforcements into the first field a second glider assault force landed in the valley a few miles farther south and established a second airport and stronghold.

On "invasion day" Allied air and ground Generals met in a series of conferences with Col. Cochran to check last minute details.

The public address system ordered the pilots to take their posts. Soldiers were ordered to their places in the long rows of gliders. Airborne engineers and technicians took places beside Indian troops with knives swinging on their hips.

American and British Colonels worked side by side with privates in hurrying the gliders into position. For a half hour after the takeoff the airtrains circled around the field to gain altitude before crossing the 7000-foot mountain peaks of Burma.

Several gliders were forced to cut their tow ropes over the mountains and radio instructions were sent out to tell them where to go to receive help. Some of the gliders, which had difficulty on the take-off, landed within a mile of the airport, were brought back, and sent out again.

Most of the troops were making their first air trip and it was the first glider trip for all the fighting men.

Some of the gliders crashed into the nearby jungle or collided with empty gliders ahead. Capt. Donald C. Tulloch, Ogdensburg, N. Y., who was one of the first to land in a glider, set up a first aid station on the edge of the field for the injured and later organized night searching parties for men who landed short of the field.

British troops helped the Americans drag crashed gliders off the runway. Often gliders passed within a few feet of men working on a field in the dark.

Four Yanks Killed.

Ammunition-carrying parachutes covered the valley floor for hundreds of yards around and hung from trees. At dawn, the first funeral was held, for four American and several British soldiers who had been killed in glider crashes. Tiny two-seater planes, flying at tree-top altitude, landed and picked up the injured.

Hospital cases were flown back to an American Commando base, where they were attended by Flight Surgeon Capt. Cortez F. Enloe Jr., of Manhasset, Long Island, and Jefferson City, Mo.

The landing of the paratroopers put the Allied forces another step closer to Myitkyina, hub of the Japanese defense system in Northern Burma.

The Japanese now are being attacked on five separate fronts in Burma; Stilwell's drives south of Maingkwan; the new operation south of Stilwell's front opened by the paratroopers; in the Arakan flatlands on the West Central Burma coast; in the Kaladan valley where West African forces are operating; and on the upper Chindwin.

In addition, in the Chin hills east of Imphal an action is under way—the only front in Burma where the harassed enemy is on the offensive.

East St. Louis Army Bomber Pilot Killed in Plane Crash in England

WIEMAN FLANERY WOHL

WEINZETTEL SANDS STOCHL SCHWARZ

Radioman-Gunner Dies in Action Over Europe, Other Flyers Missing Over Germany.

Capt. Don B. Ritsch, an Army bomber pilot, was killed in an airplane crash in England March 1, the War Department has informed his wife, Mrs. Marjorie Ritsch, 1535 North Forty-ninth street, East St. Louis. Capt. Ritsch, 34 years old, entered the Army in March, 1941, and was ordered overseas last September. He is the son of Mrs. Bertie Ritsch, 557 North Fourteenth street, East St. Louis.

Sgt. John S. Jerionowski, radio man-gunner on a bomber, was killed in action over Europe Jan. 11, his sister, Mrs. Pauline Kloud, 502 Bellsworth drive, Lemay, has been notified. A native of St. Louis, Jerionowski, 28 years old, enlisted in the Navy in 1934 and transferred to the Army in 1942.

Cpl. Clifford Marik of the Marine Corps has been killed in action in the South Pacific, his mother, Mrs. Mary L. Marik, 7342 Ethel avenue, has been informed. Cpl. Marik was 31 years old and captain of the Food Center football team that won the Municipal championship in 1939-40. He enlisted in January, 1942, and was ordered overseas the following June.

Sgt. Earl Flanery, 22, engineer and gunner on a bomber, has been reported missing in action over Germany since Feb. 24, his mother, Mrs. Thelma C. Schmelzle, 5610 Enright avenue, has been informed. A graduate of McBride High School, he was employed at Curtiss-Wright Corporation prior to his induction in December, 1942. He was ordered overseas last January.

Sgt. Otto J. Sands, a tail gunner on a bomber, is listed as missing in action over Germany since Feb. 23, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Sands, 517 Trendley avenue, East St. Louis, were notified by the War Department yesterday. Sgt. Sands, 22 years old, has been in foreign service since last September. He joined the Army Air Forces in November, 1942.

Tech. Sgt. James C. Schwarz, Flying Fortress radio operator, has been missing in action over Germany since March 4, the War Department has informed his mother, Mrs. Ferdinand Schwarz, 134 Virginia avenue, Belleville. Schwarz, 28, was employed at the Belleville postoffice prior to his induction in August, 1942. He held the Air Medal and two oak leaf clusters, and has been overseas since October.

Sgt. Thurman P. Smotherman, 29, waist gunner on a Flying Fortress, has been missing in action over Germany since Feb. 8, his brother, H. D. Smotherman, 3417 North Ninth street, has been notified. Smotherman was employed at McDonnell Aircraft Corporation prior to his induction in February, 1943. He is a son of the Rev. and Mrs. M. P. Smotherman, Mountain View, Mo.

The following men previously have been listed as casualties: Pvt. Robert W. Wieman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wieman, 5922 Goodfellow boulevard, killed; Lt. David P. Wohl Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. David P. Wohl, 6400 Forsythe boulevard, University City, missing; Lt. William B. Stochl, husband of Mrs. Ruth Stochl, 1017A Oakview place, missing, and Pfc. Roy Weinzettel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weinzettel, 2708A South Tenth street, missing.

JACKIE COOGAN LED U. S. GLIDER FORCE

A UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS IN INDIA, March 18 (AP).—Former film star Jackie Coogan, now an American Army glider pilot, was the first man to alight when British forces were landed by air behind Japanese lines in Northern Burma more than a week ago.

Coogan, flying the leading glider, leaped out as the craft stopped and fired a signal light for other approaching gliders, it was announced today. Until a higher officer arrived and took charge, Coogan directed the landing operations.

In the glider with him were a dozen Indian soldiers who brandished knives as they leaped from the craft.

Before taking off, Coogan said: "I sure feel confident riding with Indian troops as passengers" as he flashed his light on the grim looking men squatting on the glider's floor.

(Coogan was listed as a flight officer while stationed at Knob Noster, Mo., a glider base, in March, 1943. The above dispatch did not give his present rank.)

2600 SOLDIERS ON LEAVE; DISTURBANCES IN BELLEVILLE

Twenty-six hundred soldiers temporarily stationed at Scott Field were allowed overnight leaves in Belleville last night, and took over the town, blocking traffic, engaging in numerous brawls and flooding taverns, police reported.

It was about four times the number of soldiers generally allowed leaves to Belleville on one night.

Eleven soldiers were arrested, one after he had tried unsuccessfully to start seven automobiles, police said. Air was let out of the tires of 11 machines. One soldier suffered a broken nose in a free-for-all. Others blocked traffic by walking in the middle of the street, and two restaurants closed their doors because of the crowd.

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DIES TO MAKE RADIO REPLY TO WINCHELL

Will Follow Commentator on March 26 — Charges 'Campaign to Smear Congress.'

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP).—Chairman Martin Dies of the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities today accepted an invitation to follow Walter Winchell on the radio the night of March 26.

In announcing his acceptance, the Texas Democrat loosed a new blast in his feud with the columnist and commentator, hinting that he might return the compliment by inviting Winchell to be a guest of his committee—under subpena.

"I am accepting the offer of the Jergens Co., Winchell's sponsor, and of the Blue Network, which broadcasts his programs, to follow him on Sunday night, March 26, to answer false and misleading statements he has heretofore made about me," Dies said in an interview.

He assumed, Dies said, that he would take the place of the "Basin Street Blues" program that usually follows Winchell, but emphasized that there would be no "blues" in his 15-minute speech.

The Jergens Co. advertising agency and the Blue network invited Dies to answer Winchell after the Texan announced he had issued a subpena on Mark Woods, Blue Network president, for all scripts and recordings from Winchell's programs for the last two years.

The material was needed, Dies said, in the committee's investigation of what he called "a planned campaign to smear Congress by misstatements and innuendo."

Woods announced in New York that he would be "pleased to cooperate completely" in the investigation and notified Dies he would grant him the radio time following Winchell because "that period will give you the benefit of the entire Winchell audience."

"My time," Dies said, "will be devoted to answering false statements and innuendoes heretofore made by Winchell. I do not dispute his right to criticise me, but I intend to prove that many of his statements about me and the committee were false and untrue."

Dies said he had requested the Blue network last December to give him radio time to answer Winchell but was refused.

He commended newspapers "for an honest effort in most cases to present both sides in a controversy and to permit the party criticised to make an answer in the same columns," but added that "unfortunately this isn't always true of the radio commentators."

Asked if he intended to call Winchell before the committee, Dies said "he will probably get a chance to come before the committee but he won't be permitted to turn it into a publicity stunt."

Winchell said in Miami Beach last night that he had repeatedly asked to be called before the committee but "they don't want me."

RUSSIAN FORCES OCCUPY YAMPOL ON THE DNIESTER

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broken German resistance, capturing heavily-fortified enemy strong points, the communique reported.

The communique said Red Army forces threatening the Black Sea base of Nikolaev captured more than 30 populated places in the drive to encircle that important port. One hundred populated places fell to Soviet troops cutting across north of Nikolaev in the Dobrinets sector, the announcement said.

Advance to Dniester.

More than 100 populated places were captured in the drive which overran Yampol.

The capture of Yampol represented an 11-mile gain from the previously announced advanced point, Klemboyka, and carried Konev's forces to the springboard of the Russian 1940 crossing into Bessarabia, which had been a part of Rumania since World War I. German and Rumanian forces again occupied the territory the following year when Germany invaded Russia.

A Reuters report from Moscow yesterday reported the Russians had reached the Dniester at several points, but tonight's Soviet announcement was the first confirmation that Konev's troops had rolled up to the Bessarabia border.

The British radio said that heavy Russian guns were shelling "German lines beyond the Dniester," and dispatches from Ankara reported Rumanian civilians were fleeing west from the Bessarabian border area.

Capture of Rail Points.

Fall of Zhmerinka and Pomoshnaya gave the Russians holds on two of the Nazis' retreat routes from the Ukraine into Bessarabia.

Zhmerinka, 22 miles southwest of Vinnitsa, is on a lateral railway running south from the Odessa-Lwow-Warsaw line to Mogilev Podolski on the Dniester, 48 miles away.

The east-west line from Pomoshnaya crosses the Odessa-Lwow-Warsaw railway about 100 miles away at Slobodzeya, then continues on and crosses the Dniester at Rybnitsa.

The German communique acknowledged that "west of the Bug, major Soviet forces gained further ground, and told of furious fighting in the Kowel-Krzemieniec sector in old Poland. Kowel is above Luck and Krzemieniec below Dubno.

Berlin also said fighting had flared up again on the northern front, around Nevel, Ostrov, Pskov and Narva, where the Russians have been pressing toward the Baltic States.

Australians to Fly Liberators.

CANBERRA, March 18 (AP).—American specialists are training Australian air crews in Liberator heavy bomber technique and all-Australian bomber crews soon will be seeing combat action against the Japanese in the Southwest Pacific.

Income Tax Rates Under Proposed Law

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP).

UNDER the tax-simplification bill approved by the House Ways and Means Committee yesterday, each taxpayer, married or single, would be subject to a normal tax of 3 per cent on income which exceeds $500 plus 10 per cent of income.

In addition, all taxpayers except those in the lowest bracket would be subject to a surtax on all income exceeding exemptions of $500 for each member of his family plus 10 per cent of income (but this 10 per cent, which is in lieu of deductions for interest payments, contributions and other taxes, cannot exceed $500).

Below is a table showing surtax percentages on taxable income. (For example: A taxpayer with taxable income of $2,500 would pay 20 per cent on the first 2,000 and 22 per cent on the balance.)

Surtax Net Income.	Bracket Rate, Per Cent.
$ 0-$ 2,000	20
2,000- 4,000	22
4,000- 6,000	26
6,000- 8,000	30
8,000- 10,000	34
10,000- 12,000	38
12,000- 14,000	43
14,000- 16,000	47
16,000- 18,000	50
18,000- 20,000	53
20,000- 22,000	56
22,000- 26,000	59
26,000- 32,000	62
32,000- 38,000	65
38,000- 44,000	69
44,000- 50,000	72
50,000- 60,000	75
60,000- 70,000	78
70,000- 80,000	81
80,000- 90,000	84
90,000- 100,000	87
100,000- 150,000	89
150,000- 200,000	90
More than $200,000	91

QUICK PASSAGE PREDICTED FOR SIMPLIFIED TAX

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uniform exemption of $500 a person. Thus, the single person's exemption will be $500; married pairs will have an exemption of $1000, and the exemption for each dependent will be $500. Present exemptions are $500 for single persons, $1200 for married pairs and $350 for each child. However, the rates are adjusted under the new plan.

2. The Victory tax will be abolished. The present normal tax and surtax will be combined into a single surtax. A new normal tax of 3 per cent will be imposed on each person whose net income exceeds $500, regardless of family status, plus an exemption of 10 per cent of his income.

3. All taxpayers with incomes up to $5000 will be entitled to a standard deduction allowance of 10 per cent of income. For those with incomes of more than $5000, the standard deduction allowance will be $500. Taxpayers whose actual deductions exceed the standard allowance may obtain the benefit of their actual deductions by listing them in detail.

4. A new simplified tax table will be provided for the use of taxpayers with incomes less than $5000, regardless of the source of income.

"Baby Bonus" Feature.

Tax experts said the new system would work out with slight tax increases for married persons with no children, and reductions for families with more than one child.

For instance, a man with a wife and two children now has an exemption of $1200 plus $350 plus $350, or a total of $1900. Under the new schedule he would have $500 exemption for each member of the family, or $2000.

The exemption for a married pair with one child would be $1500, with five children, $3500, with 10 children, $6000, etc.

This exemption feature has led to the calling of the measure a "baby bonus bill."

How It Would Work.

Here are examples of how the new tax system would work:

A married person making less than $1000 would be subject only to the new 3 per cent normal tax on income over $555. If his income is $900, he gets an exemption of $500 and a deduction (in lieu of interest paid, other taxes, etc.) of 10 per cent of his income, or $90. Thus he pays 3 per cent on $310, which amounts to $9.30.

Under the present victory tax of 3 per cent, to be abolished, his exemption is $624 and his tax 3 per cent of $276, amounting to $8.28. Thus his tax is increased about a dollar.

A married person with one child making $5000 would have an exemption of $1500 (three times $500) plus $500 (10 per cent of $5000), leaving his income subject to surtax at $3000. The new surtax rate is 20 per cent of the first $2000 of taxable income, or $400, and 22 per cent of the next $2000, which in the case of this person would be 22 per cent of $1000, or $220, making his total surtax $620.

His normal tax would be 3 per cent of income exceeding $500 after deducting 10 per cent of his income, or $500. This would be 3 per cent of $4000, or $120.

Thus his total tax would be $740.

A married person with two children, making $2500, would have an exemption of $2000 (four times $500) plus $250 (10 per cent of $2500, leaving his income subject to surtax at $250. The surtax (20 per cent of the first $2000 of taxable income) would be $50. His normal tax would be 3 per cent of income exceeding $500 after deducting 10 per cent of his income, and would amount to $52.50. His total tax would be that sum plus the $50 surtax, or $102.50.

Superior of Sacred Heart Dies.

NEWTON, Mass., March 18 (AP)—A funeral mass will be held Monday for Mother Ruth Burnett, superior of the Order of the Sacred Heart, who died yesterday. She was 82 years old.

ALKALI EXPORT HEAD DENIES CARTEL CHANGE

Association Has No Dealings With Reich Firm or Illegal Contracts, He Says.

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP).—E. V. Finch, president of the United States Alkali Export Association, denies any violation of Federal anti-trust laws on the part of member firms in the Association.

The Department of Justice filed charges Thursday in United States District Court alleging violations of the Sherman Act on the part of 14 American firms and two trade associations together with the British organization, Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd. They were charged with conspiracy to divide world markets in order to gain noncompetitive trade advantages.

Finch's statement said "we have not received any official notification of this suit nor have we seen the complaint which has been filed. We have at all times rigidly adhered to the provisions of the Webb-Pomerene Act, under which the association was formed, and we deny that the association has committed any violation of law.

"The Webb-Pomerene Act was passed by Congress in 1919 to promote export trade and the purpose of that enactment was to exempt export trade associations from the restrictions of the Sherman law.

"The affairs of the association have since 1919 been under the supervision of the Federal Trade Commission, and reports of all its operations have been regularly filed with that agency as required by law. The association has no illegal contracts nor is it a member of any so-called "international cartel."

"The association has had no dealings at any time with the German firm, I. G. Farben," he said.

"The institution of this suit comes at a time when all the energies of the association should be directed at the serious problems which the war has created in the field of foreign trade. This is particularly true of the association's activities in Latin America, where the industrial economy depends largely on the efficient operation of the association's business, and where it has developed over the past 24 years, a permanent and valuable market for certain basic chemicals."

JESSE J. DUNCAN DIES AT 74

SILEX, Mo., March 18 (AP).—Jesse J. Duncan, who introduced the first income tax bill adopted in Missouri while he was State Senator from 1917-1919, died yesterday. He was 74 years old.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATHS

ALLWELL, WILLIAM—933 Elias av., entered into rest Fri., March 17, 1944, 3:10 p. m., dear brother of John F., Thomas, Hugh, Rev. P. J., Anna E. and Mrs. Mary Votaw, dear brother-in-law and uncle.
Funeral Mon., March 20, 3 p. m., from Math Hermann & Son's Chapel, Fair and W. Florissant. Interment New Bethlehem Cemetery.

BARBAGLIA, VICTOR — 5213 Pattison av., beloved husband of the late Virginia Barbaglia (nee Pelegrini), dear father of Mrs. Louisa Albanello, Mrs. Mary Ruggeri, Mrs. Bambina Tunici, Mrs. Christina Borghi, Frank, Charles and Mike Barbaglia, our dear grandfather, father-in-law, brother-in-law and uncle.
Funeral from Calcaterra Funeral Home, 5142 Daggett, Mon., March 20, 8:30 a. m., to St. Ambrose's Church. Interment New SS. Peter and Paul's Cemetery. Deceased was member of Wappello Tribe No. 110, Improved Order of Redmen.

BELL, CLARA LEYHE — Of 703 State st., Alton, Ill., passed away Thurs., March 16, 1944, 11:45 p. m., sister of Emma Leyhe, Mrs. Katie Ferris of Boston, Henry W. and William H. Leyhe.
Funeral Sun., March 19, 3 p. m., from 703 State st., Alton, Ill.

BERGER, KATE—Widow of Samuel Berger and dear mother of Mrs. Lena Schnurr, Mrs. Dorotha Rivolta and Mrs. Esther Frelich.
Funeral from Berger Memorial, McPherson at Walton, Sun., 1 p. m.

BLAUNER, JOHN—4528 S. Grand, Sat., March 18, 1944, 4 a. m., beloved husband of Mary Blauner (nee Lewis), dear father of Viola Quigley, Clara Knippenberg, Margaret Horridge, our dear brother, brother-in-law, father-in-law, grandfather, great-grandfather and uncle.
Funeral from the Schumacher Funeral Home, 3013 Meramec, Mon., March 20, 1:30 p. m., to Bellefontaine Cemetery.

BREWSTER, ROY ROBERT, M. M. S. 2-C—3407 Brown rd., at Plaquemine, La., Feb. 25, 1944, beloved husband of Virginia Brewster (nee Brentlinger), dear son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Brewster, dear brother of Norman Jean, our dear grandson, son-in-law and nephew.
Funeral Sun., Mar. 19, 1:30 p. m. from Baumann Bros. Funeral Home, 2504 Woodson rd., Overland. Interment Sunset Burial Park. Remains will arrive Sat., 6 p. m.

BUHRMESTER, BYRDIE INOTH (nee Strickland)—Flat River, Mo., entered into rest, Mar. 16, 1944, beloved wife of Clifford D. Buhrmester.
In state Caldwell Bros.' Funeral Home. Services Taylor Av. M. E. Church Sun., 2:30 p. m. Entombment Mt. Hope Mausoleum, 5 p. m. Sunday.

CARY, IDA M. (nee Meyer)—6236 Ridge, Fri., March 17, 1944, 10:30 p. m., wife of the late Edward M. Cary, dear mother of John F., Sam, Mrs. Edna Mae Johnson, Robert F. and the late Edward M. Cary Jr., sister of Mrs. Fred Jaeschke, our dear mother-in-law, grandmother, sister-in-law and aunt.
Funeral from Calvin F. Feutz Funeral Home, 4828 Natural Bridge, Mon., March 20, 2:15 p. m. Interment Oak Grove Cemetery.
(Parking rear of chapel.)

CONROY, MARIA A. (nee Satchwell)—16 Parkland pl., Fri., March 17, 1944, 7:40 p. m., fortified with the sacraments of Holy Mother the Church, beloved wife of the late Thomas F. Conroy, dear mother of Mrs. Charles J. Mulcahy, William L., Ralph R. and the late Thomas A. Conroy, dear mother-in-law, grandmother and aunt.
Funeral from Arthur J. Donnelly's Parlors, 3840 Lindell bl., Mon., March 20, 8:30 a. m., to St. Rose's Church, Goodfellow and Maple. Interment Calvary. Was member of Altar and Purgatorial Society and St. Ann's Sodality of St. Rose's Parish.

DARRISH, IDA GOLDSTEIN—Widow of Isaac Darrish, beloved mother of Nathan, Sam Hyman, Dan and the late Morris Darrish, dear grandmother and great-grandmother.
Funeral from Berger Memorial, McPherson at Walton, Sun., 2 p. m.

DEHLER, JOSEPH C.—3918 Michigan av., Thurs., March 16, 1944, 7:15 a. m., beloved husband of Clara U. Dehler (nee Bordeaux), dear brother of Mary Pardie, Pauline Lehman, Josephine Couch, Belle Craft, Florence Hagen and James Craft, and our dear brother-in-law and uncle.
Funeral from Gebken-Benz Mortuary, 2842 Meramec st., Mon., March 20, 8:30 a. m., to St. Anthony's Church, thence to SS. Peter and Paul's Cemetery. Deceased was a member of St. Anthony's Married Men's Sodality.

DOERR, IDA P. (nee Wolff)—2034 Adelaide av., Thurs., March 16, 1944, 10:10 a. m., beloved wife of the late Charles Doerr, dear mother of Mrs. Thelma Zein, Carl and Kenneth, dear daughter of Mrs. Emma Wolff Kremar, our dear mother-in-law grandmother, sister, sister-in-law and aunt.
Funeral from Calvin F. Feutz Funeral Home, 4828 Natural Bridge bl., Mon., March 20, 1:45 p. m. Interment St. John's Cemetery. Galilee Shrine No. 12, W. S. J., and Mount Moriah Temple No. 6, O. E. S., will conduct services at the chapel Sun., March 19, 8:15 p. m., for Mrs. Doerr. Parking rear of chapel.

DEATHS

DU BRAY, JOHN J.—Fri., March 17, 1944, 2:15 p. m., beloved husband of Mrs. Emma Du Bray (nee Browning), dear father of Mrs. Dorothy Kelly and Bernard Du Bray, dear father-in-law, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law and uncle.
Funeral from Leidner Chapel, 2223 St. Louis, time later.

ENRIGHT, JAMES L.—At Wood, Wis., Wed., March 15, 1944, beloved son of Hez and Mary Ellen Chamberlein, dear brother of Mrs. H. G. Fredericks and Mrs. Gordon Wilson, dear brother-in-law, uncle, nephew and cousin.
Funeral from the Southern Funeral Home, 6322 S. Grand bl., Mon., March 20, 8:30 a. m., to SS. Mary and Joseph's Church. Interment National Cemetery.

FOLK-KALCH, ELIZABETH (nee Kierer)—1007 Allen av., Thurs., March 16, 1944, dear mother of Michael and John Kalch, dear mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, sister-in-law and aunt.
Services Mon., 1 p. m., at John L. Ziegenhein & Sons' Funeral Home, 7027 Gravois. Interment Old SS. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.

FREDERICKSON, IDA GORDS—2305 Sidney, Fri., March 17, 1944, beloved wife of William A. Frederickson, dear daughter of John E. Gords, dear sister of June E. Gords, dear niece of Ella, Anna, Olga Gords and Alfred and John Wingren, our dear granddaughter and cousin.
Funeral from Peetz Funeral Home, Lafayette and Longfellow. Time later.

GETER, LT. EDWARD WOODROW—Air Corps, U. S. Army, of 2227 Blendon pl., killed on duty over Alaska Feb. 18, brother of Earl Geter, U. S. Coast Guard, and Mrs. Robert Buelt, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoeferlin. Sadly missed by his uncles, aunts, cousins and nephews.
Memorial services Sun., March 19, 11 a. m., Memorial Presbyterian Church, Skinker and Alexander dr.

GRBCICH, MATT — 5412 Partridge, Thurs., March 16, 1944, beloved husband of Mary Grbcich (nee Perhat), dear father of Walter and William Grbcich, dear brother-in-law, son-in-law, cousin and uncle.
Funeral Mon., March 20, 8:30 a. m., from Moydell's, Mississippi and Allen, to St. Joseph's Church, 12th and Russell. Interment Calvary Cemetery. Member of St. Jacobs Lodge No. 167, and Croatian Sloga.

GRUPE, WILLIAM H.—9983 Riverview dr., entered into rest Thurs., March 16, 1944, 7:30 a. m., beloved husband of the late Anna Grupe (nee Hinze), dear brother of Christ Grupe, and our dear uncle.
Funeral Sat., March 18, 3 p. m., from Ziegenhein Bros.' Mortuary, 6409 Gravois at Holly Hills, to Valhalla Mausoleum. Mr. Grupe was a life member of Eureka Lodge No. 81, K. of P. of Illinois.

HARTNETT, A. S.—5214 Nottingham, Wed., March 15, 1944, 3:15 a. m., beloved husband of Eva T. Hartnett (nee Long), dear father of Joseph B. and Petty Officer John T. Hartnett, dear brother of Edward and Bernard Hartnett, Statia Etienne and Mrs. Theresa Guthrie, dear uncle, cousin, father-in-law and brother-in-law.
Funeral from Cullen & Kelly Funeral Home, 4386 Lindell at Newstead, Mon., March 20, 9 a. m., to St. Mary Magdalene Church. Interment Calvary Cemetery.

HORINE, REV. SAMUEL H., S. J.—Fri., Mar. 17, 1944, brother of Paul G. and Harriet M. Horine, Mrs. Louise H. White, Mrs. Vieve Ullmann, all of Springfield, Mo., J. Max Horine of New York City and Mrs. Helen Parr of Los Angeles, Cal.
Will lie in state, St. Louis University, 221 N. Grand bl. Funeral Mon., Mar. 20, from St. Francis Xavier (College) Church. Office of the dead, 8:30 a. m. Requiem mass, 9 a. m. Interment St. Stanislaus Seminary, Florissant.

HORN, ALVINA (nee Baue)—4672 Rosa, entered into rest Wed., March 15, 1944, 11:20 p. m., dear wife of the late Reinhardt Horn, beloved mother of Mrs. Anita Powitzky (nee Horn); dear sister of Mrs. Emily Bergmann, Mrs. Etta Kroemer, Mrs. Anna Rabe, William Baue and George Baue, and Walter Dannenberg, and our dear mother-in-law, grandmother, sister and aunt.
Funeral Mon., March 20, 1:30 p. m., from Ziegenhein Bros. Mortuary, 6409 Gravois at Holly Hills, to New St. Marcus Cemetery. Mrs. Horn was member Women's Guild of the Evangelical Church of the Redeemer.

HOSE, ANNA ELIZABETH (nee Baxter)—3711 Humphrey, entered into rest Thurs., March 16, 1944, 3:20 p. m., dear wife of the late John H. Hose, dear mother of Mrs. Marie Corinne Sartorius, Mrs. Anna R. Teich, John H. and George W. Hose and our dear sister-in-law, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt.
Funeral Mon., March 20, 3 p. m., from Ziegenhein Bros.' Mortuary, 6409 Gravois at Holly Hills, to Sunset Burial Park. Mrs. Hose was member of Ebenezer Ev. Church.

JOHNS, BERNARD G. (BEN) — 2720 Marcus av., Thurs., March 16, 1944, 10:30 p. m., beloved husband of Lilly Johns (nee Joyce), dear brother, brother-in-law and uncle.
Funeral Mon., March 20, 8:30 a. m., from Stroot & Carroll Funeral Home, 4600 Natural Bridge av., to Holy Ghost Church. Interment Calvary Cemetery. Member of Painters' Union, Local No. 115.

KINGSTON, ELLA GERTRUDE—Of Victoria, Mo., beloved wife of Wm. Kingston, dear mother of Fern Xenos and dear grandmother.
Funeral services Mon., March 20, 2 p. m., from Albert H. Hoppe Funeral Home, 4111 Lindell. Interment Friedens Cemetery.

KLANKE, AUGUST T.—4008 Laclede, Fri., March 17, 1944, 11 a. m., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Klanke, dear brother of Lydia, Arthur J. and William T. Klanke of Houston, Tex., brother-in-law, uncle and cousin.
Funeral from Leidner Chapel, 2223 St. Louis av., Mon., March 20, 1:45 p. m. Interment Zion Cemetery.

KRIEGSHAUSER, 1ST LT. JOHN G.—Killed in action Feb. 22, 1944 at Sheffield, England, dear son of Arthur A. and Corinne V. Kriegshauser, dear brother of 1st Lt. Arthur F. Kriegshauser.
Requiem Mass Tuesday, March 21st 8:30 a. m., Holy Innocents' Church, Kingshighway and Reber place.

KUHLMANN, CHARLES F.—2203A Sullivan av., asleep in Jesus, Fri., March 17, 1944, 3:45 p. m., beloved husband of the late Mary Kuhlman (nee Stahlberg), dear father of Ernest, Bertha, Lydia, Charles W. Kuhlmann, Mrs. Paul A. Spiegelberg, Mrs. Lawrence Soeker and the late Mrs. Adele Segelken, dear father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather, in his 88th year.
Funeral Monday, 2 p. m., from Beiderwieden Funeral Home, 1936 St. Louis av., to New Bethlehem Cemetery.

LANE, FREDA LAMPERT — March 17, 1944, wife of Elon J. Lane, mother of Mrs. J. E. Corvey, Mrs. Charles H. Washington and Mrs. Frank C. Dana and Winifred Lane, daughter of F. J. Lampert of Rochester, N. Y., sister of Mrs. L. J. Fish of New York City.
Service in the Great Hall of the Robert J. Ambruster Mortuary, Clayton road at Concordia lane, Mon., 3:30 p. m. Interment private.

LANG, EDWARD P. — 1110 Dover pl., Thurs., March 16, 1944, beloved husband of Minnie Lang (nee Leonhard), dear father of Mrs. Norman F. Paule, dear brother of Mrs. Margaret Hahn, Mrs. Elizabeth Haubert, August, William and the late Charles Lang, dear father-in-law, brother-in-law, uncle and cousin.
Funeral from the Southern Funeral Home, 6322 S. Grand bl., Mon., March 20, 3 p. m. Interment Sunset Burial Park.

McANDREWS, CATHERINE — Fortified with the Last Rites of Holy Mother Church, daughter of the late Michael and Catherine McAndrews, dear sister of Mary Agnes and Sarah E. McAndrews.
Funeral from family residence, 5347 Arlington, Mon., Mar. 20, 8:30 a. m., to St. Philip Neri Church. Interment Calvary Cemetery.

MAUPIN, ANNIE—Of Desoto, Mo., Mar. 17, 1944, dear wife of the late Henry W. Maupin, mother of Harry E., Walter R., Albert C. and Mattie McKay of DeSoto, Mo.; Mayme Wilson and Vivian Long of St. Louis, Grace McKay of Neptune Beach, Fla.
Funeral Sun., 2 p. m., at Mothershead Chapel, DeSoto. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery.

RUEDI, LENA C. (nee Schmale)—6414 Murdoch, Sat., March 18, 1944, beloved wife of the late Gustav H. Ruedi, mother of Alice F. Kempf, Arthur and Charles H. Ruedi, sister of Frieda Rothweiler and Sophia Luecke, our mother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandmother and aunt.
Funeral Tues., March 21, 2 p. m., from Weick Bros.' Funeral Home, 2201 S. Grand. Interment Hiram Cemetery. Deceased was a member of Golden Link Chapter; Trinity Shrine, No. 2, W. S. of J.; St. Louis Conclave, O. T. K., and Queen Bess Court, O. of A.

SAPPINGTON, DR. CLARENCE LEFFINGWELL—4617 Tower Grove pl., Fri., Mar. 17, 1944, beloved husband of Ellen Sappington (nee Weis), dear father of Clarence C., Alden H., Capt. Russell W., Capt. Donald E. Sappington, dear brother of Bird Sappington, our dear grandfather, father-in-law, brother-in-law and uncle.
Funeral from Kriegshauser Mortuary, 4228 S. Kingshighway, Mon., Mar. 20, at 9:30 a. m., to Holy Innocents Church. Interment Calvary Cemetery.
(Please note change of time.)

SAUTER, MAMIE (nee Altenbernd)—5737 Goener av., Fri., March 17, 1944, dearly beloved wife of the late George Sauter, our dear sister-in-law, aunt and cousin.
Funeral from Wacker-Helderle Chapel, 3634 Gravois, Mon., Mar. 20, at 2 p. m. Interment New Picker Cemetery.

SCHEPP, WILLIAM H. — 3214 Shenandoah, Thurs., March 16, 1944, beloved husband of Gladys Schepp (nee Dix), dear father of Margaret Abbott and Vivian Schepp, and our dear grandfather, brother, brother-in-law and uncle.
Funeral Mon., March 20, 1:30 p. m., from Weick Bros.' Funeral Home, 2201 S. Grand bl., to Trinity Lutheran Church, 8th and Soulard, thence to New St. Marcus Cemetery.

Furniture not needed can be sold for cash through Post-Dispatch want ads.

DEATHS

SCHIRM, FRED—4336 College, entered into rest Fri., March 17, 1944, 9:20 p. m., beloved husband of the late Christina Schirm, dear father of C. Fred, George W., William H. Schirm, Mrs. Lillie Settlage and Mrs. Dena Krual, our dear father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather, in his 84th year.
Funeral Mon., March 20, 2 p. m., from Math Hermann & Son's Chapel, Fair and W. Florissant. Interment Friedens Cemetery.

SENTERS, DUGAN WILLIAM—1934A Warren st., Wed., March 15, 1944, 2:45 p. m., beloved son of Lucille Dugan (nee Epperson) and stepson of Russell Dugan, dear brother of 2-C Seaman Leroy, our dear grandson, nephew and cousin.
Funeral from Calvin F. Feutz Funeral Home, 4828 Natural Bridge bl., Mon., March 20, 10 a. m. Interment St. Paul's Churchyard Cemetery.

SPENCER, DR. WALTER SCOTT—March 16, 1944, husband of Ella Travers Spencer, brother of Mrs. Lyman W. Putnam Sr., Mrs. Charles T. Morris, Mrs. Albert S. Koeppe, Herbert and George W. Spencer.
Service in the Great Hall of the Robt. J. Ambruster Mortuary, Clayton rd. at Concordia lane, Mon., 2 p. m. Interment Valhalla Cemetery.

TESAR, BERTHA (nee Mueller)—4320 Gannett, Sat., Mar. 18, 1944, 5:30 a. m., beloved wife of Charles Tesar, dear mother of Mrs. Helen Wilson and Mrs. Gertrude Kuehnel, dear grandmother of Donald and Charles, dear sister, sister-in-law, mother-in-law and aunt.
Funeral from Robert's Funeral Home, 1905 S. Grand, Tues., Mar. 21, 8:30 a. m., to St. John the Baptist Church. Interment New SS. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.

TRISKA, AUGUST—1775 Nicholson pl., Fri., March 17, 1944, 6:55 a. m., beloved husband of the late Anna Triska, dear father of Estelle and Charles Triska, our dear father-in-law, brother-in-law, grandfather, uncle and cousin.
Funeral from Kutis Funeral Home, 2906 Gravois, Mon., March 20, 1:30 p. m. Interment New Picker Cemetery. Member of Lodge Rohac z Dube No. 11.

MEMBERS of Lodge Rohac Z Dube No. 11 will assemble at Kutis' Funeral Home, Sun., March 19, 8 p. m., to pay respects to our late brother, August Triska.

ZWEIFEL, ADAM—Sat., March 18, 1944, husband of the late Mary Zweifel, stepfather of Emma Gottlieb and John Fehr.
Funeral from Witt Bros. Chapel, 2929 S. Jefferson, Tuesday, 1:30 p. m., to Missouri Crematory. Deceased was a member of Brewers' and Maltsters' Local No. 6, Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Branch No. 299, and St. Louis Swiss Club.

LOST AND FOUND

BILLFOLD—Lost; containing money for servicemen; keepsake; can identify; reward. 3517A Cherokee, after 5:30 p. m.

BILLFOLD—Lost; black leather, money, check, draft cards, social security, etc., liberal reward. FO. 5285.

BOSTON—Lost; small, has some warts, name Buster; reward. RE. 0843.

BRACELET—Lost; silver identification; "Bill Borgsteadt"; reward. NE. 5700, 8:30-5.

CAMERA—Lost; Brownie Six-16; reward. GRand 4763.

DOG — Lost; tan, white female, black around eyes, curled tail; vicinity Tower Grove; reward. FR. 5378.

GOLD RING—Lost; initial M; keepsake; reward. FL. 1669.

HOUND — Walker, female, white with brown and black spots; reward. 1649 McLaren, CO. 3358.

IDENTIFICATION BRACELET — Lost; silver, G. W. Abeln; reward. LA. 2356.

INDIAN SUIT—Lost; in yellow cab, Wednesday night; gift of father going overseas. Reward. CO. 4659.

KEYS—Lost; 6 bunches; in front of 2919 Virginia av. Please return as they are good only to owner. Reward $5 per bunch. Garage, 2716 Lafayette.

KEYS—Lost; 8; in case; reward. Call RO. 0700.

LITTLE BLACK SCOTTIE—Lost; vicinity 35xx Connecticut; about year old, male; reward. LA. 4035.

NECKLACE—Lost; white gold, 1 stone, keepsake; reward. FL. 9304, after 6 p. m.

PEKINGESE—Lost; male; answers to name of Pety; has collar on; near Horton pl. 6064 Horton.

POINTER—Lost; liver and white, name John Foster on collar. Call CH. 3045.

PURSE—Lost; child's, red; pair child's glasses; Victory Theater. EV. 3342.

RING—Lost; gold; large amethyst setting; reward. HU. 4115.

TAN BRIEF CASE—Lost; with portraits, textbooks and notebook; University car, positive identification; reward. 5054 Waterman, FO. 0334.

WALLET—Lost; alligator, in Thompson's Restaurant, 12th and Delmar; finder keep money, return wallet. RO. 5423.

WALLET—Lost; brown alligator; reward. CE. 0235.

WATCH-COMPACT—Lost; Hamilton Hotel Taproom, Wednesday p. m.; keepsake from soldier overseas; reward. DE. 3554.

WIRE-HAIRED TERRIER—Lost; answers to Rags or Mopsy; liberal reward. HI. 0405. 3925 S. Broadway.

WRIST WATCH—Lost; lady's Harman, at Casa Loma; reward. SI. 2538.

PERSONAL

PERSONAL—Anyone knowing whereabouts of John Ludeman or Mabel Ludeman, who formerly resided at 7400 Arlington dr., Richmond Heights, communicate with Mrs. Buchroeder of 7447 Harter av., Richmond Heights, or HI. 1224; important.

LEGAL NOTICES

REDEMPTION NOTICE.

TO THE HOLDERS OF THE FIRST MORTGAGE 5 PCT. REAL ESTATE BONDS OF CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL OF ST. LOUIS:

You are hereby notified that bonds numbered 88 to 275, inclusive, in the principal amount of $89 each, and bonds numbered 276 to 294, inclusive, in the principal amount of $445 each, bearing interest at 5 pct. per annum issued by Christian Hospital of St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo., under that certain mortgage or deed of trust dated April 1, 1941, between Christian Hospital of St. Louis and John C. Greulich, as Trustee, have been duly called for redemption, in accordance with the provisions of said bonds respectively and of said mortgage or deed of trust, upon the first day of April, 1944; and that said Christian Hospital of St. Louis has deposited with John C. Greulich as Trustee, the necessary funds to pay the said called bonds.

From the said funds so deposited, the holders of said called bonds will be entitled to receive principal and accrued interest to April 1, 1944, upon presentation of said several bonds, at the office of said John C. Greulich, at 3111 North Grand boulevard in St. Louis (7), Mo., on or after April 1, 1944. Said called bonds will cease to draw interest from and after April 1, 1944, and Christian Hospital of St. Louis will be released from all liability in connection therewith.

Dated at St. Louis, Mo., this 11th day of March, 1944.

JOHN C. GREULICH, Trustee.

WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS for C. P. A. (Certified Public Accountant) certificates will be held in St. Louis and Kansas City on May 17, 18 and 19, 1944. Applications must be filed 30 days prior thereto with the Missouri State Board of Accountancy, Box 882, Jefferson City, Mo., or with R. S. Warner, Secretary, 1405 Ambassador Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETINGS

HOTEL CLUBS, INC.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING—The annual meeting of the stockholders of Hotel Clubs, Inc., a corporation, for the election of three directors to serve during the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting will be held at the office of the company, 5414 Delmar bl., St. Louis, Mo., on Wed., March 22, 1944, 11 a. m.

MINNIE HOUSAM, President.
CORA GREENWAY, Secretary.
St. Louis, Mo., March 13, 1944.

MORTGAGE REALTY & INV. CO.

NOTICE of Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Notice is hereby given, that the annual meeting of Mortgage Realty & Inv. Co. will be held at office of the company, 5414 Delmar bl., St. Louis, Mo., at the hour of 10 a. m., March 22, 1944, for election of three directors during the ensuing year and any other business as may properly come before the meeting.

MINNIE HOUSAM, President.
CORA GREENWAY, Secretary.
St. Louis, Mo., March 13, 1944.

MARIDON, INCORPORATED

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING—The annual meeting of the stockholders of Maridon, Incorporated; a corporation for the election of three directors, to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting will be held at the office of the company, 5414 Delmar bl., St. Louis, Mo., on Wed., March 22, 1944, at 12 noon.

MINNIE HOUSAM, President.
CORA GREENWAY, Secretary.
St. Louis, Mo., March 13, 1944.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF LACLEDE POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

Notice is hereby given that the regular Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the LACLEDE POWER & LIGHT COMPANY will be held at the office of the Company, 1017 Olive street, in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, on Thursday, March 23, 1944, at 9:00 a. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the coming year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

ATTEST:
A. G. Baker, Secretary.
C. L. HARROD, President.

SAVE NOW—BUY EXTRA WAR BONDS

STOCK TRADE ACTIVE, MIXED; RAILS HIGHER

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP).—Buying power again centered on the rails in today's brief stock market while further profits were cashed in a number of recently strong industrials.

Prices turned a shade uneven after a moderately steady start and the direction was a trifle foggy near the close. Dealings were lively throughout and volume of 727,200 shares was one of the largest for Saturday of the past year.

Accounts were trimmed here and there on the idea five consecutive million-share days entitled the list to a rest.

Carriers continued to respond to investment demand based mainly on the sounder financial position of most roads and their apparent ability to absorb mounting taxes and wages with plenty of leeway remaining for dividends. It was not overlooked, also, that while traffic may dwindle to some extent with the return of peace, transportation systems will be confronted by few reconversion problems.

Oils failed to repeat their late sprint of Friday, attributed partly to talk of subsidies for low-output producers and hopes for a boost in crude rates. Steels still were restrained by labor questions and the likelihood of a manpower shortage due to Army requirements.

In New High Ground.

Touching peaks for the year or since 1937 were Alleghany prior preferred, up more than 8 points on plans of the company to sell a large block of its Chesapeake & Ohio holdings, Gulf Mobile & Ohio, Great Northern, Pennsylvania, M-K-T preferred and Santa Fe.

Goodrich was in new high ground for 1944. Buying was accorded U. S. Rubber, Goodyear, American Telephone and North American. Backward were U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Chrysler, General Motors, Western Union "A," Westinghouse, Sears Roebuck, Chesapeake & Ohio and International Harvester.

Occasional gainers in the curb were St. Regis Paper, Carrier Corp. and American Gas. Minus marks were attached to Cities Service, Electric Bond & Share and Creole Petroleum.

Of the 751 issues traded in today, 240 were higher, 289 lower and 222 unchanged. Seventy-one made new 1944 highs and three new 1944 lows.

News in the Market.

Market followers saw a constructive indicator in the suspension of restrictions on the stockpiling of bituminous coal in three production districts of Indiana, Illinois and Western Kentucky, together with the relaxation of regulations regarding use of alloy steel for scrapers, angle dozers and bull dozers.

Saturday's 15 Leaders.

In the following table will be found the sales, closing prices and net changes of the 15 most active stocks traded in on the New York Stock Exchange Saturday:

Security.	Sales.	Close.	Ch'ge.
Alleghany — —	63,300	2⅝	* ⅛
Alleghany pf —	39,800	32½	*3¾
Gulf Mob & Oh—	35,000	15¼	*2½
M-K-Tex pf —	30†000	14⅝	*1⅝
M-K-Tex — —	15,600	3⅝	* ⅛
Sunray Oil — —	14,000	5⅛	— ⅛
N Y Central —	12,000	19⅝	— ¼
Sinclair Oil— —	10,200	12	* ⅛
Ches & Ohio —	9,400	47¼	— ¾
Gen G & E A —	9,400	3	....
No Socony-Vac—	8,200	13	— ¼
Houston Oil— —	7,400	10½	— ¼
South Pac — —	7,400	31¼	....
N C RR N J —	7,100	13⅞	*2½
Balt & Oh — —	6,600	8⅛	....

RAIL BONDS RISE IN MARKET THAT IS GENERALLY NARROW

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP).—A sizable group of low and moderate priced railroad loans made further advances at times in the bond market today, although for the most part the gains were fractional. The balance of the corporate list moved narrowly.

Wider movers included Alleghany income 5s, which were up more than four points at one time, and the modified 5s of 1949, which managed to advance moore than a point. Attention was attracted to these issues by the company's plan to sell a large portion of its holdings of Chesapeake & Ohio stock.

St. Paul 5s and adjusted 5s were active and supported along with Illinois Central refunding 4s, Lehigh Valley stamped 4½s, Missouri-Kansas-Texas adjusted 5s, New Haven 4s of 1957 and most issues of the Baltimore & Ohio.

Slipping at times were Rock Island refunding 4s, Delaware & Hudson 4s of 1963 and Erie 4½s.

Light dealings in South American bonds accounted for most of the business in the foreign section. United States Governments were quiet but steady.

CORPORATION REPORTS

NEW YORK, March 18.—National Refining Co., reports net loss for the year ended Dec. 31, after a special charge of $1,700,000 for future losses on disposal of properties and equipment, of $1,089,849, compared with a net profit in 1942 of $983,266.

The company said that since Dec. 31 it has disposed of assets having a book value of approximately $4,400,000 for about $600,000 less than the net book value. The company also disposed of an investment in capital stock of another corporation for $231,458 more than the amount stated for this investment in the statement of Dec. 31.

The period during which preferred stockholders were permitted to exchange shares for prior preferred and common stock, has been extended to March 31.

CHICAGO, March 18 (AP).—The Pullman Co., sleeping car subsidiary of Pullman, Inc., reported a deficit of $174,949 in operating net income for December, 1943, after provision for Federal income taxes and retroactive wage adjustments. This compared with operating net profit of $629,330 for December, 1942. Net operating income for 1943 was $5,553,085, after provision for taxes and wage adjustments, compared with $9,150,768 the previous year.

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP).—Lambert Co. reports net profit after all charges for the year 1943 of $1,982,431 equal to $2.65 a share, compared with adjusted net profit for 1942 of $1,499,956, or $2.01 a share. Sales in 1943 amounted to $21,252,759, against $17,085,526 the preceding year.

	1943.	1942
Decca Records, Inc.— —	2.06	2.08
Climax Molybdenum —	3.82	5.31
	26 weeks Dec. 25	1942
Columbia Pictures — —	2.32	1.77
	Year Oct. 31.	1942
Burry Biscuit — — —	.40	.36
	Year Jan. 1.	1942
Gen. Time Instruments—	1.89	1.39

EGG AND POULTRY MARKETS

The egg and poultry markets as reported by the "St. Louis Daily Market Reporter":

EGGS—Base prices receivers to shippers: U. S. specials, 35c; U. S. extras, 34c; U. S. standards, 31½c; current receipts, 29c; pullets, 25c.

POULTRY—Base prices receivers to shippers: Fowls, 23.9c; leghorns, 23.9c; springs 4 lbs. and over, rocks 27.4c; colored 27.4c; No. 2, 12@15c; fryers, 3-4 lbs., rocks 27.4c, colored 27.4c; No. 2, 12@15c; broilers, under 3 lbs., rocks 27.4c, colored 27.4c; leghorns, 2 lbs. and under, 27.4c; leghorns, over 2 lbs., 23c; No. 2 12@15c; roosters, old and leghorn stags, 19.9c; staggy young roosters, 19.9c; ducks, white 25c, dark 24c; geese, young, 24.9c; old turkeys under 18 lbs. 32.9c; 18-22 lbs., 31.4c; over 22 lbs., 30.4c; young turkeys, under 18 lbs., 34.9c; 18-22 lbs., 33.4c; over 22 lbs., 32.4c; No. 2 turkeys, 27c; young kuineas, 45c; old, 20c; capons, 6 lbs. and over 30.9c; under 6 lbs., 27.4c; dressed squabs 60@65c per lb.

STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, March 18.—Today's closing prices on a selected list of stocks traded in on the New York Stock Exchange will be found in the following table:

Security.	Close.	Security.	Close.
Air Reduc 1a	41¼	Johns-M 6e	92¼
Alleghany Cor	2⅝	Kenn Cop ¼e	32
do pfd	32½	Laclede Gas	12⅛
Am Cab & Ra	9¼	L & M B 3a	76½
Am Dist stpd	29⅝	Lockheed A 2	17¾
AmR&St8.10e	10	Lorillard ¼e	18¾
Am Loco ¼e	19¼	Martin 3g	18⅞
A R&SS .10e	9⅞	May Dep St 3	57
A Roll M .20e	13¼	M-K-T pfd	14⅝
Am S & R 2	38¼	Monsanto C 2	78¼
Am T & T 9	157⅝	Mont Ward 2	46⅜
Am Tob B 3a	61¼	Nash-Kelv ¼e	13
Am Zinc L&S	5	Nat Bisc .60e	21¾
Anaconda ¼e	27¼	N Dairy P¼e	21¼
AT&SF 1¼e	68¾	N Y C RR 1e	19⅝
Atl Coast L 3g	39⅝	N A Avia 1g	9¼
Atl Refin ¼e	30⅜	N A Co .60f	18¼
Avia Cor .20g	4	North Pac 1e	16⅞
Bald ct 1½g	21¼	Ohio Oil ¼a	19¼
Balt & Ohio	8⅛	Packard .10e	4¼
B'dall Oil .60	18¼	P-A Airw 1g	32¾
Bendix Av ¾e	37⅝	Par Pict 1.60	26⅞
Beth Stl 1½e	60¼	Patino M 4g	19⅝
Borden .40e	29⅞	Penney Co 3a	99½
Case Co	38	Pen RR 2½g	29¾
Cent R R N J	13⅞	Pepsi-Cola 2a	51¾
Ches & Ohio 3	47¼	Phelps D 1.60	22¼
Chrysler ¾e	84⅛	Phillips Pet 2	45⅞
Colgate ⅛a	27⅝	Pullman ¼e	43⅝
Com In T 2.40	44¾	R C A .20e	10
Comw Ed 1.40	25⅝	Repub Stl ¼e	17¾
Cons Ed 1.60	22⅝	St J Lead ½e	31
Cont Can ¼e	37¼	Sears-Roe 3a	89¾
Cont Mot .15e	5⅞	South Pac ¼e	31¼
Crucible S 3g	32½	South Ry 2e	25¾
Cub-A S .40g	12⅝	Sperry 1½g	26
Curt-Wr ¾g	5⅞	St Brands 1	31⅝
Del Lack & W	8⅝	St Oil Ind 1a	33¼
du Pont 1¼e	145	St Oil N J 1a	55
E P&L $7 pfd	94¼	Texas Co 2	49¼
Gen Elec 1.40	36¾	TwenCFox ¼e	22⅝
Gen Bot ¾e	58⅝	UnionCarb1½e	80
Gimble B .15e	13¼	UnPac 6	103⅝
Goodrich ¼e	47¼	UnitedAirL¼g	26⅜
Goodyear ¼e	43⅝	UnitedAirc 3g	29⅝
Goth Ho ¼g	13	US Rub ¼e	47½
Gr CS .52½g	11¾	US Steel 1e	53⅝
G N R pfd 2g	32¼	Vanadium 1	21⅛
Gulf M & O	15¼	WarnerBros	13½
Homestake M	41¾	WestUnA ⅛g	48¼
Houston Oil	10¼	WestE&M 1e	98
Illinois Central	16⅞	WilcoxO&G.10e	6⅛
Int Harv 2a	70⅜	Woolworth1.60	39⅝
I Nick Cn 1.60	27	YoungsS&T½e	37¼
Int Paper	15¼	Zenith 1g	38⅝
Int T & T	13¼		

Symbols: aAlso extra or extras. dCash or stock. gPaid last year. fPayable in stock. eDeclared or paid so far this year. hPayable in Canadian funds. kAccumulated dividends, paid or declared this year. ††Ex-dividend. **Ex-rights. †Actual sales.

STOCK MARKET AVERAGES.

(Compiled by Dow-Jones.)

	High.	Low.	Close.	Change.
30 Indus'ls	140.82	140.14	140.30	— .50
20 railroads	40.37	40.12	40.21	— .11
15 utilities	24.00	23.87	23.93	* .02
65 stocks	50.83	50.56	50.64	— .15

(Compiled by the Associated Press.)

	High.	Low.	Close.	Change.
30 Industrials	73.4	73.0	73.1	— .2
15 Railroads	28.3	28.0	28.1	— .1
15 Utilities	37.2	37.0	37.1	...
60 Total	53.3	53.0	53.1	— .1

U. S. TREASURY STATEMENT.

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP).—The position of the Treasury March 16: Receipts, $535,212,697.85; expenditures, $276,142,070.95; net balance, $16,795,042,517.94; total debt, $187,211,128,776.20.

COMMODITIES

NEW YORK, March 18.—The Associated Press weighted wholesale price index of 35 commodities (1926 equals 100).

Saturday	107.35	Previous day	107.37
	1944.	1943.	1942.	1941.
High —	107.43	107.54	103.22	95.12
Low —	106.03	103.43	95.54	77.03

Commodity prices (cash unless otherwise stated) Saturday with previous close:

	Saturday.	Prev. Close.
COTTON, lb.	.2168n	.2166
FLAXS' bu.	3.05	3.05
WOOL TOP, lb.	1.32n	1.325n
GRS WOOL, lb.	.985n	.985n
†*TURP TINE, gal.	.76½	......
†*ROSIN (B) cwt.	4.00	......
LOCAL.		
BRAN, ton	$38.97@39.47	38.97@39.47
xBUTTER, AA, lb.	.4120	.4120
*EGGS, cur. rec. doz.	.29	.29
*SPR. CHICK, lb.	.274	.274
POTATOES, Ida. r. b. No. 1 cwt.	3.35@3.60	3.35@3.50
APPLES, Mo.-Ill.	3.50@4.05	3.50@4.05
††HOGS, top, cwt.	14.40	......
††HOGS, bulk, cwt.	14@14.25	......
††STEERS, top, cwt.	16.50	......
††STEERS, bulk, cwt.	12.75@15.25	......
††LAMBS, top, cwt.	16.25	......
††LAMBS, bulk, cwt.	15.50@16.00	......
xxVEALS, top, cwt.	15.25	15.25
xxLAMBS, top, cwt.	16.00	16.00
LINS'D OIL, raw, lb.	.157	.157
FLOUR, hrd. fam., cwt.	3.42@4.46	3.43@4.46
†WOOL, lb.	.42@.44	.42@.44

aAsked. bBid. nNominal. †Mo.-Ill. xOPA maximum less mark up. *Base price receiver to shipper. ††For week. xxProduce Row. †xFri., closed Sat.

UNIT QUOTATIONS.

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP).—Unit quotations as furnished by the National Association of Security Dealers:

AffiliatedFInc	3.61	do 2dFdInc	10.41
AmBusShrs	3.52	MutualInvest	10.89
BroadStInv	28.18	NEngFund	12.56
BullockFund	15.07	NYStocksSteel	6.04
CanInvFund	3.05	NAmTrSh1953	2.06
ComwithInv	4.74	do 1955	2.72
CorpTrAA mod	2.69	do 1956	2.63
do Acc Mod	2.69	do 1958	2.30
Crum&Forster	26.25	QuartIncSh	6.56
do 8pc pf	118.00	RepInvFund	3.38
DiversifiedTrC	3.70	SelAmShInc	9.71
DividendShrs	1.23	Sup of AmTAA	2.40
FundInvestInc	22.60	TrusIndShrs	.74
IncomeFouFd	1.43	Un pf StkFd	18.14
IncorpInvest	21.41	do B	6.33
MarylandFund	4.57	USEIL&P'A'	16.30
MassInvTr	21.39		

$34,000,000 STOCK, RECORD SECONDARY DISTRIBUTION

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP). — The largest unregistered secondary distribution of stock in New York financial history will be made on Monday when an investment group headed by Blyth & Co. will offer on behalf of the Alleghany Corporation 704,121 shares of Chesapeake & Ohio Railway common stock valued at approximately 34 million dollars.

The largest previous sale was 500,000 shares of Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) in 1941, involving 20 million dollars.

The stock to be sold by Alleghany represents the sumber of shares now pledged for a bank loan of $14,801,519 and represents slightly less than 40 per cent of the corporation's total holdings in C. & O.

COTTON MARKET CLOSES 10C A BALE HIGHER

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP).—Week-end covering and mill buying against textile contracts lent a steady tone to cotton in quiet dealings today. Most traders held to the sidelines reflecting uncertainty over the war situation, pending price control legislation and lack of activity in the spot market.

Futures closed 10 cents a bale higher.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Ch'ge
May	20.72	20.75	20.71	20.74	*2
July	20.11	20.15	20.09	20.13-15	*2
Oct.	19.56	19.58	19.56	19.58n	u2
Dec.	19.33	19.37	19.33	19.37	*2

Middling spot, 21.68n, up 2. n-Nominal.

10-Point Cotton Price.

NEW ORLEANS, March 18 (AP).—Average price of middling 15-16th inch cotton Saturday at 10 designated Southern markets was 21.11.

HOGS, 200-LB. UP STEADY

NATIONAL STOCKYARDS, Ill., March 18 (WFA)—Hogs, total receipts 2000, salable 1300; 200 lbs up steady; 160 lbs down mostly 25c lower; sows 10c lower; other weights too scarce to mention; top and bulk good and choice, 200-250 lbs, $14.40; few less finished kinds around $14.30; 140-160 lbs, $11.50@12.75; 100-130 lbs, $8.25@11.25; few good sows, $13.50; market Friday to Friday: 180 lbs up and sows 25c to 35c higher; lighter weights 50c higher.

Cattle, total receipts 450, salable 100; calves, total receipts 25, all salable; compared with Friday last week steers and heifers steady to 25c higher; cows and bulls steady; vealers steady; top for the week 1193 and 1075 lb steers, $16; 1142-lb heifers and mixed yearlings, $15.25; cows, $12.50; sausage bulls, $11.50; beef bulls, $12.50; vealers, $15.50; replacement steers, $14.25; bulks for the week: Slaughter steers, $12.75@15.25; replacement steers, $11.50@15.50; heifers and mixed yearlings, $11.50@14.75; good cows, $11.50@12.25; common and medium, $9.25@11.25; canners and cutters, $6.75@8.75; top sausage bulls closed $11.50; top vealers, $15.25.

Sheep, total receipts none; compared last Friday lambs 25c to 50c lower; sheep steady; top wooled lambs for the week, $16.25; mostly good and choice, $15.50@16; medium and good, $13.75@15.25; common throwouts, $10.50@12; good and choice fall clipped, $14.75@15; medium and good, $14.50; medium and good with No. 1 pelts, $12.50@13.50; good wooled ewes, mostly $7.50; choice to $8.25.

ADVANCES IN GRAIN MARKET AT CLOSE

CHICAGO, March 18 (AP).—After selling lower in the early part of the session, when considerable quantities of the May contract were offered, rye reversed its direction toward the close today and moved ahead of the preceding session's final prices. Traders were impressed by the market's ability to absorb the May selling and by the strength of deferred contracts.

Other grains generally displayed a firm undertone. There was some buying of wheat by an elevator house, but in general interest in this pit continued to lag. Broomhall, British grain authority, estimated the Canadian wheat surplus for export on March 1 at 565,000,000 bushels against 740,000,000 bushels a year earlier. Local traders supported oats.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE, March 18.—There were no cash grain sales made on the floor of the exchange today.

GRAIN FUTURES

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE, March 18.

	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
WHEAT.				
ChiMay	172½	171¾	172⅛	172
ChiJuly	168⅝	168⅛	168¼	168¼
ChiSept	166⅝	166¼	166⅜	166⅜
ChiDec	166⅝	166⅝	166⅜	166⅜
KCMay	.....	.....	162⅝	162⅝
KCJuly	159⅞	159¾	159⅞	159¾
KCSept	158⅞	158¾	158¾	158¾
MinnMay	164⅛	163⅞	164	164
MinnJuly	161	160⅞	161	160⅞
MinnSept	.....	.....	158⅝	158⅝
RYE.				
ChiMay	129½	128⅝	129¼ ¾	129¼ ⅜
ChiJuly	128⅞	128	128⅝ ¾	128⅜ ½
ChiSept	127⅛	126⅝	127¼ ⅜	126⅝ ¾
ChiDec	128⅛	127⅛	128⅛a	127½ ⅝
OATS.				
ChiMay	81⅞	81½	81⅞a	81⅝a
ChiJuly	78⅝	78⅛	78⅝	78⅛
ChiSept	74½	74⅛	74½	74⅜a
ChiDec	74½	74	74⅜	74⅛
MinnMay	....	....	79	79
BARLEY.				
ChiMay	126½	126¼	126¼a	126b
ChiJuly	....	....	121¼a	121
ChiSept	116	115⅝	115¾a	115¾b

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP).—Closing foreign exchange rates follow: (Great Britain in dollars, others in cents); Canadian dollar in New York open market 10 9-16 percent discount or 89.31¼ U. S. cents. Europe: Great Britain official buying $4.02, selling $4.04. Latin America: Argentina Free 25.00, up .05 of a cent; Brazil Free 5.20N; Mexico 20.65N.

ST. LOUIS STOCKS

ST. LOUIS STOCK EXCHANGE, March 18.—The week end market was fairly broad but not active.

Ann. Div. in Dollars.	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.	Net Ch'ge.
CentE .12½a	5	5¾	5¾	5¾	
CocaCB .25a	75	23¾	23½	23½	— ¼
Falstaff .60	25	15	15	15	*1
Hydrau P B	3	.60	.60	.60	
Lac Chr .10a	100	5¼	5¼	5¼	....
MidP&S .25a	25	17	17	17	....
NBearM .25a	20	16¾	16¾	16¾	* ¾
RiceStix .50a	25	13⅛	13⅛	13½	— ⅛
Scull St1.50b	x8	12	12	12	
SterlAP 1b	15	10¼	10¼	10¼	....

aPaid or declared in current fiscal year. b—Paid last year. xAdditional fractional share on same basis.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Closing quotations on securities whose bids or offers changed:

SECURITY.	Bid.	Offer.
Am Invest .15a— — —	6¾	7
Brown Shoe 2 — — —	42¾	43½
Coca-Cola Bott. 25a — —	23½	24½
Falstaff .60— — — —	14¼	15½
Int. Shoe 1.80 — — —	37½	37¾
Laclede Steel .25a — —	14	14¾
Midwest P. S. .25a— —	16	17
Natl Bear Metals .25a—	16	17
Rice-Stix .50a — —	....	14½
Scullin Steel 1.50b — —	11½	12½
Scruggs .50a— — — —	18¾	19
Sterl Al Pr 1b— — —	10⅜	10½
Wagner El .50a— — —	....	35

COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO. EARNINGS LARGER IN '43

Coca-Cola Bottling Co., of St. Louis reported net income before income tax requirements of $1,022,542 equal to $2.38 a capital share. Tax requirements were $490,994 or about $1.14 a share leaving net after taxes of $531,547, approximately $1.24 a capital share.

Net earnings after payment of taxes in 1942 were $522,919 or $1.21 a capital share.

Mel Taylor to Semple, Jacobs & Co.

Mel Taylor, former vice-president of Semple, Jacobs & Co., but more recently associated with Paul Brown & Co. will rejoin the Semple, Jacobs brokerage firm. Ben F. Jacobs, president of the brokerage firm, died last week.

Midwest Piping Dividend.

Midwest Piping & Supply Co. declared a dividend of 25 cents a share, payable April 15 to stock of record April 5.

COMMODITY PRICE INDEX AT NEW 1944 TOP, 107.37

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP).—The Associated Press weighted index of 35 wholesale commodities rose to a new 1944 high of 107.37 per cent of the 1926 average on March 17, compared with 107.21 the previous week and 106.56 a year earlier.

Three components of the index established new yearly peaks. Grains and cotton advanced to 137.11 per cent over last week's high of 137.01 and 124.68 a year ago. Livestock rose to 123.65 per cent, compared with 122.41 a week earlier and 130.05 last year. The textiles group new peak was 95.01 per cent, against 94.84 the previous week and 94.36 a year earlier. Other categories remained unchanged or slightly higher except industrials and food which declined slightly.

Individual commodities advancing were hogs, rye, wool and cotton. Turpentine, eggs and lambs declined.

The staple price barometer, with the base year 1926 equal to 100 and showing percentages for March 17, the previous week and a year ago follows:

	March 17	Pr. wk.	Yr. ago.
35 commodities	*107.37	107.21	106.56
Industrials	100.37	100.38	100.10
Food	83.25	83.49	90.24
Livestock	*123.65	122.41	130.05
Grains and cotton	*137.11	137.01	124.68
Textile	*95.01	94.84	94.36
Non-ferrous metal	88.42	88.42	88.42

*New 1944 high; weekly basis.

American Money to Canada.

OTTAWA, March 18 (Canadian Press).—Movements of capital to Canada, arising from sales of outstanding securities to other countries, reached a record level of $172,000,000 in 1943 against $105,500,000 in 1942, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported today.

The bureau said the principal element in this inflow during the last two years has been the large volume of sales of Canadian bonds to United States investors.

Net sales of outstanding Canadian bonds to the United States amounted to about $150,000,000 in 1943, compared with about $96,000,000 in 1942 and $19,000,000 in 1941.

Cotton Spinning Activity.

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP).—The Census Bureau reported today that the cotton spinning industry operated during February at 123.3 per cent of capacity, based on an 80-hour week, compared with 14.0 per cent in January, and 135.9 per cent in February last year.

Active spindles in place Feb. 29 totaled 23,330,558, of which 22,513,390 were active at some time during the month, compared with 22,217,994 active during January and 22,906,562 during February last year.

Active spindle hours for February totaled 9,665,632,766, or an average of 414 hours per spindle in place, compared with 9,723,811,079 and 417 for January.

St. Louis Clearings.

Local bank clearings for March 18 were $32,300,000. Debits to individual accounts for March 17 were $53,200,000.

ST. LOUISANS RECEIVE WAR DECORATIONS

Two Bombardiers and Two Sergeants Honored for Exploits.

First Lt. William W. Dolan, bombardier on a Flying Fortress stationed in England, was decorated with the Air Medal "for exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in five bomber missions over continental Europe," his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray R. Dolan, 7400 Parkdale avenue, Clayton, have learned. Lt. Dolan, 22 years old, has been overseas since last October. He entered the Army Air Forces in August, 1942.

Lt. Alexander G. Bruce, bombardier on a Flying Fortress, has been awarded his second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for "courage, coolness and skill" displayed in five bombing operations over Europe, his wife, Mrs. Hazel F. Bruce, 818 Hanley road, Clayton, has been informed. Lt. Bruce, 23, was president of the St. Louis County Junior Chamber of Commerce when he enlisted in April, 1942. His mother, Mrs. Oliva Bruce, lives at 7258 Maryland avenue, University City.

Tech. Sgt. John A. Sicorino, aerial engineer serving with the troop carrier command in New Guinea, who holds the Air Medal, has received the Distinguished Flying Cross for completing 50 missions over territory "where enemy action was expected or probable," his mother, Mrs. Mary Sicorino, 6433 Mardel avenue, has learned.

"At times landings called for coming down into areas evacuated by the Japs not more than 24 hours before," his citation said.

Awarded Medals

DOLAN

SICORINO

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BRUCE

Sgt. Sicorino, 36, operated an automobile repair shop when he enlisted in September, 1942. He is a graduate of Rankin Trade School and has been overseas six months.

Sgt. Richard C. Oldakowski, tail gunner on a Marauder bomber stationed in England, has received the Distinguished Flying Cross, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Oldakowski, 4559 South Broadway, have learned. He was cited for "heroism in flight and exceptional and outstanding accomplishment in face of great danger in participating in more than 50 missions over continental Europe." Sgt. Oldakowski, 24, was a bicycle repair man before he was inducted in October, 1941. Overseas since last June, he recently married an English girl and resides in Maldon, Essex, England.

Staff Sgt. Harold E. Thornhill, tail gunner on a Flying Fortress stationed in England, who holds the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters, received the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement on 25 missions and for shooting down a Messerschmitt," the War Department announced today. Sgt. Thornhill shot down the Messerschmitt when he participated in the bombing of the Focke-Wulf assembly plant in Marienburg, East Prussia, one of the longest round trip attacks carried out from England. Sgt. Thornhill, son of Freemont Thornhill, Luebbering, Mo., was employed at the Ralston Purina Farm at Gray Summit before enlisting.

HIGH LOW RAIN

(Yesterday's Weather Bureau Reports)

	High	Low	Rain
Atlanta	71	48	...
Boston	53	38	.08
Chicago	40	31	...
Cincinnati	52	38	...
Columbia, Mo.	51	35	.19
Denver	58	30	.90
Detroit	38	26	.01
Fort Worth	76	64	...
Kansas City	52	34	.12
Los Angeles	75	49	...
Memphis	70	55	...
Miami	76	68	.30
Minneapolis	29	7	...
New Orleans	77	62	...
New York	53	43	.14
Oklahoma City	72	60	...
Pittsburgh	52	35	...
St. Louis City	55	39	.39
St. Louis Airport	55	38	.43
Washington, D. C.	68	42	.04

$556 UNION OFFICE THEFT

Approximately $556 in cash was stolen early today from the offices of the CIO United Steel Workers of America, Local 1055, at 706 East Thrush street, Esther Hawkins, assistant secretary, reported to police.

John Latsch, caretaker, said he returned to his rooms above the union offices about 1:25 a. m. and found the door ajar. He summoned police, who in turn, called Miss Hawkins from her home at 8216 Frederick avenue. The money, she said, was taken from a small steel cabinet.

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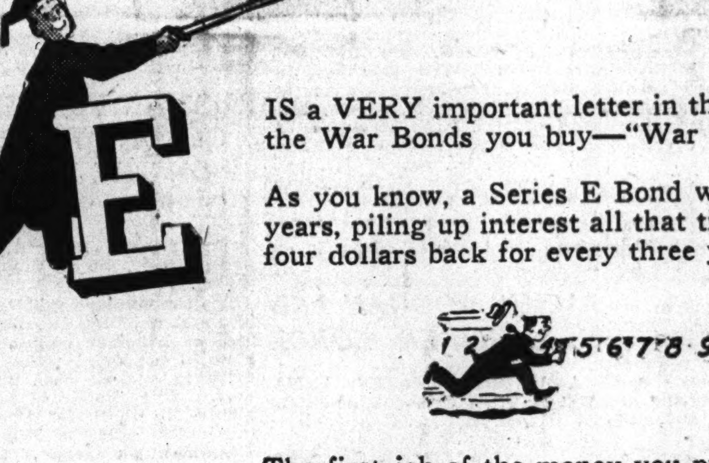

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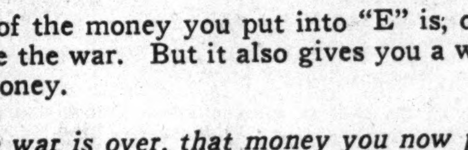

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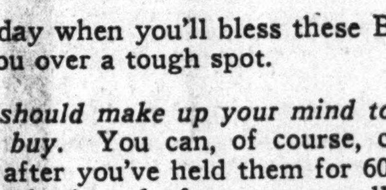

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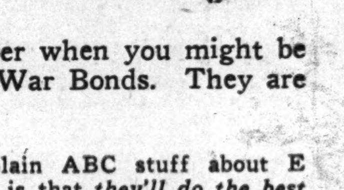
But when you cash in a Bond, you end its life before its full job is done. You don't give it its chance to help you and the country in the years that lie ahead. You kill off its $4-for-every-$3 earning power.



All of which it's good to remember when you might be tempted to cash in some of your War Bonds. They are yours, to do what you want with.

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S. N. LONG WAREHOUSE, 828 Gratiot
LYNN'S DOWNTOWN, 6th and Delmar
McDONNELL AIRCRAFT CORP.
MOSER PAPER BOX CO., 4511-25 N. Euclid
MUTUAL SAVINGS LIFE INS. CO., 3207 Washington
PARK DRUG CO., 8 Greater St. Louis Stores
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The Broadway Scene

The Winchell Family Foster Chinese Girl

By Earl Wilson

NEW YORK.

JUST this once I'm going to mention another Broadway columnist, because I think he should be mentioned. . . . The Walter Winchells have done a kind and admirable thing—taken a 14-months-old Chinese girl baby into their home as a foster child. They're not talking about it and won't permit publicity but the fact is that Mrs. Winchell who, according to her husband, "likes to play with live dolls," phoned a foster home agency and generously said she wanted to give a home to some child whose father was at war. When she learned of a Chinese baby that needed a home, she instantly chose that one, without waiting to see it. She didn't look around for a special type, but at once fell in love with the baby, brought it home, then told her husband what she had done. In his enthusiastic approval, he told a friend, "She scooped me on a blessed event!"

GRACE MOORE

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TAMMI O'HARA, the cute little Irish strip-teaser who wears a shamrock on her pants, is the cause of a lot of comment since she came here from Kansas City and opened at the Fifty-second street institution, Leon & Eddie's. One comment is, "Something nude has been added." . . . Jimmie Durante, now at the peak of his career and finishing up a record-breaking engagement at the Copacabana, has intensified the kidding of his boss, Monte Proser. "As I wuz comin' ta work tunight," Jimmy says from the center of the floor, "I sees my boss comin' tuh work. I says, 'H'lo, chum.' He says ta me, 'H'lo, chump.' He speaks more distinctly than what I do."

Jimmie will take his nonsense into the Capitol Theater for a couple of weeks and then return to Hollywood. At the Copa he tells stories he told 20 years ago and rocks 'em. One story is, "I'm havin' chicken under glass in Bickford's. I eats mosta the glass and gets down tuh duh chicken when I sees a sign dat says, 'Watch yer coat and hat.' So I watches my coat and hat, and what happens? Somebody steals duh chicken!"

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BROADWAY HAS a popcorn famine threatening. This is serious to us out-of-towners who like to chomp popcorn. Joe Mosholo, who runs the Victory popcorn shop at 50th near Broadway, took a plane right out to the Iowa popcorn belt last week. He went to farmers and begged for their product, but they had sold out. He pleaded with popcorn processors and they turned him down. Joe was about ready to come back without popcorn when somebody mentioned liquor. Could he get whisky for a dry Iowan? A dry Iowan who could buy only a fifth of a gallon a month. Joe could! From New York sources.

Joe came back by plane with a promise of 200 bags of popcorn and I was able to eat some of his hot buttered popcorn tonight.

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GRACE MOORE, celebrating two big events in the Stork Club—(1) publication of her book, "You're Only Human Once," and (2) completion of plans to go to Europe four months for USO—took time to discuss with me something very intimate: the female form.

It seems I recently described her as "busty," meaning it as a great compliment, whereupon Miss Moore galloped to the nearest mirror and studied her reflection. What did I mean, busty? That she was big as a house, like some tubby opera singer who measures a bulky 46?

"I am a 36, dear," Miss Moore said, after I'd explained in honeyed phrases that I was merely expressing admiration, "and I'm lucky to be only that." She said singing adds circumference to women and also informed your shocked reporter that some skinny, scrawny unendoweds have taken up singing merely for that reason.

Miss Moore, to me one of the most colorful dames in the world, said that in Havana recently she found Cubans enthusiastic about Ernest Hemingway. One slightly confused native assured him he would be as great as zose other great Americanos he had heard so much about—George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Tom Collins.

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A BROADWAY character who kept putting dimes in the sandwich slot at the Automat and bringing out streams of sandwiches was finally approached by an angry manager who demanded, "What the hell are you doing? Cut it out!" The Broadwayite exclaimed, "Whaat! Quit when my luck's running so good?"

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COMEDIAN JOEY ADAMS at Leon & Eddie's has a friend who's a lawyer and he knows he's a lawyer because he sat up all night trying to break a girl's will. . . . Irving Hoffman departed to inspect Hollywood. . . . Tallulah Bankhead returns to Hollywood in July to star in 20th Century Fox's "Catherine of Russia," directed by Ernst Lubitsch, she told me at the Elysee. . . . Seen on East Fifty-third street: the Lt. John Roosevelts apparently moving into an apartment. . . . Myrus, the Cotillion Room mentalist, forecasts the chair for Lonergan. . . . Coleman Jacoby, the gag man, informed friends on the coast that it's been so cold here that Republicans were willing to listen to Roosevelt's fireside chats.

Argentina's Quintuplet Mystery

—Associated Press Wirephoto by Radio.

—International News Photo.

At left, Franco Diligenti, rich Buenos Aires rancher, and his wife, who are reported to be parents of quintuplets. Yesterday Diligenti released the picture above but still refused to let newspapermen see the babies, assuring them, however, that the infants' birth had been properly registered, a fact that search of Buenos Aires birth records failed to confirm. Diligenti said the babies were born July 15, 1943, and the event kept secret to avoid public curiosity. He gave the babies these names (left to right): Carlos Alberto, Maria Esther, Maria Fernanda, Maria Christina and Franco.

—Associated Press Wirephoto by Radio from Buenos Aires.

AN ACE COMES HOME Marine Capt. Donald N. Aldrich, who shot down 20 Japanese planes in six months, greets his wife with a kiss upon his return to his Chicago home from the South Pacific. At right is his mother, Mrs. Mary Aldrich.

—Associated Press Wirephoto.

DEATH CHASE IN SOUTH PACIFIC A small Japanese naval ship dodges and twists in a futile effort to escape destruction from an American Mitchell bomber attacking at low altitude. Members of the crew on deck are racing for cover. A bomb can be seen hurtling toward the vessel, which was soon set afire and eventually sunk. The action took place near New Hanover, which lies between the Admiralty Islands and the northwest tip of New Ireland.

—Associated Press Wirephoto From U. S. Army Fifth Air Force.

CROSS OF FIRE A German merchantman is shown as it was caught in a cross of cannon and machine gun fire from British planes off the coast of Holland on March 1. Above the doomed ship is a barrage balloon which failed to halt the strafing attack. This is an official British photo.

—Associated Press Wirephoto.

SALUTE WITH A SMILE Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme Allied commander in the European area, gives a friendly smile to two Auxiliary Territorial Service women as he strides along a street at Sandhurst Military College in England. He is escorted by a British officer.

—Associated Press Wirephoto.

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4 P. M.

KSD—YOUR AMERICA; Josef Koestner's Orchestra; Nelson Olmsted, storyteller; Grace Nelson McTernan, soprano; Gov. Sam C. Ford of Montana. KFUO—Pathway of Song. KMOX—Corliss Archer. KWK—Records. WEW—News, sports. WIL—Varieties.

4:15 WEW—Hasten the Day.

4:30 KSD—STORY BEHIND THE HEADLINES, Cesar Searchinger. KFUO—Open Bible. KMOX—Mother and Dad. WEW—Catholic News. WIL—News; Teatime Tunes. KXOK—Music; News.

4:45 KSD—LABOR FOR VICTORY. KFUO—Children's Program. KWK—News. WEW—Do You Remember? KXOK—Hello, Sweetheart.

5 P. M.

KSD — ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS; SCOTT FIELD BROADCASTER. Cpl. Frank Kachen. KFUO—News. KMOX—News. KWK—Constitutional Convention. WEW—News. WIL—Melodic Moods. KXOK—Dance Orchestra.

5:15 KSD—MEET ME IN THE LOBBY. KFUO—Sports. KMOX—Sports Review. KWK—Sports. WEW—This Is My Story. WIL—Stars of Songland.

5:30 KSD—ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS. KFUO—Evening Melodies. KMOX—Showcase. KWK—Hawaii Calls. WEW—Grandpappy Jones. WIL—News; Ballroom Bands. KXOK—Ink Spots.

5:45 KSD—MUSIC WELL DONE; Al Roth's Orchestra. KFUO—Religious Journals. KMOX—The World Today; News. KWK—Music. WIL—Musical Roundup. KXOK—Leon Henderson.

6 P. M.

KSD—BOB BURNS SHOW. Spike Jones and His City Slickers. Guest: Joe E. Brown. KFUO—Evening Concert. KMOX—The Mayor of the Town. KWK—Music. WIL—Dance orchestra. KXOK—Money Go Round.

6:15 KWK—Records. WIL—The Weather; Sports; Strike Up the Band.

6:30 KSD—JULIE O'NEILL AND COMPANY; Freddie Beggemann and the KSD orchestra directed by Russ David. KMOX—Thanks to the Yanks. WIL—News; Rhythm Intermezzo. KXOK—Music America Loves Best. Guests: Patrice Munsel, Alfred Drake.

6:45 KSD—DR. ROLAND G. USHER, news analyst. WEW—Sacred Heart Program. WIL—Just Relax.

7 P. M.

KSD—ABIE'S IRISH ROSE; Julie Stevens in title role. KFUO—News. KMOX—Groucho Marx Show. Guest: Carole Landis. KWK—Confidentially Yours. WIL—Hits from the Shows. KXOK—Early American Music.

7:15 KFUO—The Home Economic Front. KWK—Duke Ellington. KXOK—Ed Tomlinson, comment.

7:30 KSD—TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES. KFUO—The Story of Jesus. KMOX—Inner Sanctum. Guest: Akim Tamiroff. KWK—Norway Fights. WIL—News; Help Wanted. KXOK—Boston Symphony.

7:45 KFUO—Sabbath Eve Melodies. KWK—Voice of the Army. WIL—It's Dance Time.

7:55 KMOX—Ned Calmer, comment.

8 P. M.

KSD—NATIONAL BARN DANCE; Joe Kelly, Lulubelle, Pat Buttram, Hoosier Hot Shots, and Scotty, Dinning Sisters, Glen Welty's Orchestra. KMOX—Hit Parade. KWK—Chicago Theater of the Air. WIL—Youth for Christ. KXOK—Boston Symphony.

8:30 KSD—CAN YOU TOP THIS? Harry Hershfield, "Senator" Ed Ford and Joe Laurie Jr. WIL—News; In Behalf of Uncle Sam. KXOK—Denny Beckner's Spotlight Band; Quick Quiz.

8:45 KMOX—Saturday Night Serenade; Jessica Dragonette, Gus Haenschen's orchestra. WIL—Russ Morgan. KXOK—Music; Quick Quiz.

9 P. M.

KSD—MILLION DOLLAR BAND; Barry Wood, the Double Daters. Guest conductor: Louis Armstrong. WIL—Harlem Rhythm. KWK—News comment. KXOK—John Vandercook, comment.

9:15 KMOX—Correction Please. WIL—Johnny Long's orchestra. KWK—Bondwagon. KXOK—Army Service Forces.

9:30 KSD—GRAND OLE OPRY. WIL—News; Sparklers.

9:45 KMOX—The Barbershoppers. KWK—On Target. WIL—Meet the Band. KXOK—Treasury Parade.

10 P. M.

KSD—STARRING CURT MASSEY. KMOX—Pappy Cheshire. KWK—News. WIL—Swing Shift. KXOK—News.

10:15 KSD—SO THE STORY GOES. KMOX—Dateline. KXOK — Banker's Mile.

10:30 KSD — ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS. KMOX — Old-Fashioned Barn Dance. KXOK—Dave Minor, pianist.

10:45 KSD—I SUSTAIN THE WINGS, Capt. Glenn Miller's orchestra; Sunday Post-Dispatch Resume. WIL—Weather Forecast; News; Breakfast Club. KXOK—Sports.

11 P. M.

KSD — ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS; THOMAS PELUSO'S ORCHESTRA. WIL—Dawn Patrol. KMOX — Barn Dance. KXOK—News; Ray Heatherton's Orchestra.

11:30 KSD — ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS; THREE SUNS TRIO. KMOX—Musical Hour. KWK—Dance orchestra. KXOK—Freddy Martin's orchestra.

11:45 KSD—LEE SIMS, novelty pianist. KXOK—Music; news. KWK—Dance music; news.

12 MIDNIGHT.

KSD — ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS; LET'S DANCE. WIL—Dawn Patrol.

12:30 KSD — ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS. KMOX—Victory Patrol.

NEWS AND COMMENT ON KSD
5:30, 6, 6:45, 7, 7:45, 8:30, 11 a. m., 12 and 12:30 noon, 5, 5:30, 6:45, 10:30, 11, 11:30 p. m., 12 and 12:30 midnight.

RADIO FAVORITES TODAY

Variety and Comedy.

P. M.
6:00 KSD, Bob Burns' Show; Spike Jones' City Slickers Band; guest, Joe E. Brown.
6:30 KXOK, Music America Loves Best; Alfred Drake, Patrice Munsell.
8:00 KSD, National Barn Dance; Joe Kelley, Pat Buttram.
9:30 KSD, Grand Old Opry; Whitey Ford, "The Duke of Paducah"; Roy Acuff, Trudy Brown.

Quiz Shows.

P. M.
6:30 KMOX, Bob Hawk's Thanks to the Yanks.
7:30 KSD, Truth or Consequences; Ralph Edwards, quizmaster; guest, Fred Allen.
8:30 KSD, "Can You Top This?" "Senator" Ed Ford, Harry Herschfeld and Joe Laurie Jr., comedians.
9:15 KMOX, Correction Please; Jay C. Flippen, quizmaster.

Drama.

P. M.
7:00 KSD, Abie's Irish Rose, Julie Stevens in title role.
7:30 KMOX, Inner Sanctum; Akim Tamiroff.

Music.

P. M.
1:00 KXOK, Metropolitan Opera; "Il Trovatore."
2:30 KMOX, Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra; Alexander Brailowsky soloist in Franck's Variations Symphoniques;" Debussy's "La Mer."
7:30 KXOK, Boston Symphony Orchestra; Rimsky-Korsakoff's "Scheherazade" suite.
8:00 KMOX, Hit Parade; Frank Sinatra, Bea Wain, Mark Warnow's Orchestra.
KWK, Chicago Theater of the Air.
8:30 KXOK, Spotlight Bands.
8:45 KMOX, Saturday Night Serenade; Jessica Dragonette.
9:00 KSD, Million Dollar Band; Barry Wood, Double Daters; guest, Louis Armstrong.

Commentators.

P. M.
6:45 KSD, Dr. Roland G. Usher.

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"GRAND OLE OPRY"
PRINCE ALBERT SMOKING TOBACCO
KSD—9:30 P. M.

TONIGHT
BOB HAWK
THANKS TO THE YANKS
COMEDY QUIZ
CAMEL CIGARETTES
KMOX—6:30 P. M.

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KMOX
7:30 A. M.
Sunday, March 19
Christian Science Committee on Publication for Missouri

RCA Program
"THE MUSIC AMERICA LOVES BEST"
starring
PATRICE MUNSEL
ALFRED DRAKE
RCA VICTOR ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS
Jay Blackton Conducting
KXOK 6:30 · 7 P. M.

ST. LOUISAN WRITES OF KILLING FIRST JAP

Lt. James L. Lydon Says He Had Buck Fever, Got Over It in Time.

Lt. James J. Lydon of St. Louis found his trigger finger "frozen" when he met his first Japanese approaching him at 20 paces in the advance on the Kwajalein atoll. But it was only for a moment that he was paralyzed with what big-game hunters call buck fever, for when Lydon saw the enemy at 12 paces with a hand grenade intended for him, he squeezed the trigger and got his man.

"Getting my first victim was quite a thrill and gave me a funny feeling," he related in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Lydon Sr., 3023 Elliott avenue. "It happened in a strange way. I was advancing in front of my platoon when all of a sudden about 20 yards in front of me was a Jap. He was walking toward me carrying his rifle with one hand. As he continued to walk toward us, I pointed my gun at him but nothing happened. It seemed as though my trigger finger wouldn't work.

Got Going at Sight of Grenade.

"I was thinking about killing this Jap as he continued toward me. When he was about 12 yards from me I noticed he held a grenade. At the sight of this my finger loosened up. My first shot hit him in his belly and down he went. It gave me a wonderful feeling and from then on I fired at sight of an enemy."

The 26-year-old Army officer said the men with him lost count of the number of enemy killed the second night. "It seemed as if every hour lasted a day," he continued. "I never realized before how wonderful it was to see day break.

"In four days most of the Japanese had been killed, Lt. Lydon continued, "and we began mopping up and clearing out dead Japs from our area. By this time the smell was sickening. It upset my stomach. But a good cup of hot coffee, the first we had on the island, settled my stomach in a hurry and I was ready for more cleaning up."

Lt. Lydon concluded his letter with the question, "Scared? I was too scared to be scared. Sounds silly, doesn't it?"

He is a graduate of Beaumont High School and joined the infantry July, 1942. Before enlisting he was manager of a Kroger store in St. Louis. He has two brothers in the armed forces.

CAPTAIN TELLS OF USING SABER TO CUT OFF SHATTERED LEG

TEMPLE, Tex., March 18 (AP).—Capt. H. M. Vines of Birmingham, Ala., a member of the Forty-fifth Division, related yesterday how he had completed the amputation of his own left leg at Cassino.

With his right leg badly shattered by artillery fire, he was among 44 casualties from Italy who arrived at the Army's McCloskey General Hospital.

"It was nearly supper time, and the Germans always like to pitch 'em in about that time," Capt. Vines said. "I was with the field artillery, and we were pouring some of our metal into them, too.

"When it got me, several of the other fellows were hit, too, and I dropped to the ground, but I never did go out. When I looked down at my left leg, I saw that it was pointed back at me, and hanging by a few leaders. There was no feeling, so I borrowed a saber from a sergeant and told him I wanted to perform the final operation.

"He gave me the saber and I whacked it off.

"There was prenty for us to do, but I soon found that I couldn't do much with the other leg battered up, and the end of my finger shot off, too. And did you know," the Captain mused indifferently, "that danged finger hurt me more than anything else?"

Most of Cobb Estate to Wife.

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP).—Irvin S. Cobb, writer-humorist, left most of his estate to his wife, Mrs. Laura Baker Cobb. No indication was given as to the value of the estate.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Ervin L. Horstmeyer, 1904A Montgomery; Mildred M. Brecklin — Granite City
Charles M. Fugger — Roadhouse, Ill.; Virginia Vastering — 3652 Wilcox
Louis Jos. Micka — 4309A McRee; Mrs. Male Mayes — 3632A S. Magnolia
Stanley J. Karl — 2618A Hodiamont; Mrs. Verna Hutchison, 6928 West Park
Cleophus McDade — 2828 Dickson; Eva Henderson — 2828 Dickson
David C. Shaffer — 6206 Wagner; Mrs. Louise McKlendin, 3029 Frederick
Chester R. Catron — 1365 S. 12th; Mrs. Lula Perkins — 1365 S. 12th
George Green — 3301 Laclede; Mrs. Eliza Young — 3301 Laclede
Paul L. Miller — 1520 Pendleton; Robie Lee — 2614 Cole
Elias Ward — 1825 Carr; Learlean Jones — 2828 Gamble
Harold Brown — 1316A Benton; Mary Lee Smith — 3845 Lamp
Tony Rogers — 2627 Gamble; Ruth Davis — 2627 Gamble
Ray Bryant — 3134 Delmar; Bernice Malone — 1303 Missouri
Glenn B. Davis — Overland; Virginia C. Goebel — 5030 Nottingham
James Hamilton — 6117 Horton; Pearllean Pittman — 6117 Horton
Vance O. Burnett — 3006 Cass; Bernice Brown — 2220 Dickson
Carl E. Lugar — 5030 Lotus; Myrtle A. Wicks — 5036 Lotus
Alexander F. Kowalski, 5230 Washington; Mrs. Julia Gurski — 5230 Washington

BIRTHS RECORDED.

BOYS.

F. and L. Horn Sr., 2739 Clark.
F. and M. Carey, 4223 W. Ashland.
B. and F. Mahone, 2936A Pine.
J. and S. Cummings Sr., 2106A Biddle.
H. and F. Carter, 4124A Fairfax.
C. and M. White, 1703 Carver.
T. and E. Schnuff, 1438 Madison.
R. and L. Springett, Overland.
B. and V. Duenke, University City.
R. and V. Hendrix, Kirkwood.
J. and D. Madden, Overland.
K. and S. Schoeffel, 6650 Winnebago.
L. and J. Meyer Jr., 5342A Nagel.
H. and M. Eckert, 1232 Blackstone.
H. and E. Gear, Overland.
A. and E. Wolf, 4227A College.
C. and D. Rutledge, 4045 Shenandoah.
A. and N. Frigerio, 4027A Shenandoah.
R. and A. Davis, 1310A Swan.
L. and A. Jordan, 4307 Manchester.
J. and D. Schneidewind, 3631 Texas.
E. and B. Wooten, 2819 St. Vincent.
J. and M. Nuttman, 1201 N. 7th.
T. and L. Akin, 4576 Chouteau.
L. and L. Davis, 5536 Pershing.

GIRLS.

R. and P. Mosley, 4563 Page.
A. and E. Potter, 4258 W. Garfield.
M. and C. Quinn, 4219 W. Finney.
M. and M. Offett, 3327 Pennsylvania.
E. and E. Mueller, 3641 Michigan.
E. and R. Kaelinger, 5006 Nottingham.
F. and R. Hall, Manchester.
J. and E. Boor, 1214A Allen.
E. and L. Kurth, 3501 Utah.
J. and D. Wohlt, 2851 Allemania.
W. and A. Hay, Lemay.
F. and L. Orlando, Overland.
J. and E. Flynn, University City.
G. and O. Rehling, 4872A Kossuth.
C. and D. Magee, 3858 N. Spring.
C. and F. O'Conner, 3010 Branch.
J. and J. Coleman, 4137A Hull.
W. and V. Furgerson, 7045 Sutherland.
D. and V. Moss, Wellston.
H. and S. Shepard, 4311 Prairie.
L. and J. Van Geis, 1936 Warren.
H. and M. Levy, University City.

BURIAL PERMITS.

Carrie Willis, 55, 4001 Aldine.
William Barry, 54, 3011 Rutger.
Roy Lee Reese, 27, 2719 N. Spring.
Nellie A. Keoughan, 70, 4256 Maryland.
Minnie Robinson Cox, 42, 2017½ Biddle.
Phillip Leonard Hunkel, 9, Wawatosa, Wis.
Charles John Rabenau, 77, 5726 Waterman.
John H. Hall, 2, 4259 North Market.
Paul Trauth, 46, 3434 S. Jefferson.
Amy A. Johansen, 52, 4026A Shaw.
Benjamin Miller, 52, 3870 Park.
Raymond Lee Shirk, 1, 1219 S. 7th.
James W. Buckles, 72, 2832 Eads.

Rebecca Williams, 55, 1522 Deer.
William A. Smith, 68, 1039 Allen.
Theodore High, 43, 3430 Lucas.
Mattie Walker, 57, 2138 Walnut.
Andrew Fletcher, 68, 1919 O'Fallon.
Loretta E. Barnds, 75, 4128 Laclede.
Elsie M. Peters, 36, unknown.
Birdie E. Smith, 64, East St. Louis.
Mary Ann Stevens, 14, Springfield, Mo.
Lydia E. Thro, 76, 5934 Romaine.
Lemuel H. J. Perry, 65, Chaffee, Mo.
Grace E. Greenwell, 55, 5844 Cabanne.
Alvina Horn, 64, 4673 Ross.
Laween N. Thompson, 68, 2611 Michigan.
August Hild, 62, 111 Nagel.
William Steinkamp, 47, 1446 Benton.
Philip Kraft, 72, 3544 Emerson.
Cornelia Anacker, 68, 5415A Bates.

DIVORCES GRANTED.

Betty from Joseph Brinkmeier.
Elizabeth from Andrew Ray.
Irene from Henry Lauman.
Lois from Truman Scott.
Manor from Ada Sims.
David from Virginia Temple.
John from Anna Golish.
Jewel from Herman Dunlap.
Helen from Roger Williams.
Anna from Hal Minnick.
Thelma from Russell Woolfolk.
Laura from Francis La More.
Hattie from Eugene Mooring.
Sylvester from Mary Holliday.
Lillian from Scott Jennings.
Velma from Henry Fletcher.
Julia from Theo Miller.
Edith Mae from Guy Chalmers.
Ruth C. from Joseph W. Andrews.
Robert from Anna Lee Allen.
Muriel from Robert Baird.
Eunice from Charles Latham.
Alma from Robert Gable.
Beatrice from Elmer Caup.
Myrtle from Robert Eck.
Muriel from William Hicks.
Martha from Edwin Allen.
Bobbie from James W. Byrd.
Jeraldine from Henry Lowen.
John W. from Helen M. Rose.
Elsie E. from Alfred B. Mallow.
Mary L. from George Coleman.
John L. from Minnie Mae Moore.
Anna C. from W. Roy Bisemore.
Roseanna C. from Lester R. Rodewald.
Eleanor L. from Morgan Eugene Myrick.
Josephine T. from Henry Brown.
Nina from William F. Bell.
Alex R. from Frieda C. Smith.
Josephine from Ralph A. Ross (annulment).
Mabel E. from James M. Howarth.
Edmonia from Robert Harrell.
Elizabeth M. from Leo LeFaivre.
Vincenzo from Louise Capriglione.

Springfield (Mo.) Hotel Sold.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 18 (AP).—The Colonial Hotel was sold Thursday to the Springfield Hotel Company, a corporation formed by W. B. Cross of Hutchinson, Kans., and Larry S. Beck of Kansas City. Beck was named president of the company, Cross secretary-treasurer and Robert T. Anderson of Phillipsburg, Kan., vice-president.

THEATER PRICE PLAN REJECTED

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP).—The Treasury said no yesterday to a proposal to fix theater and other admissions under the new tax law to permit them to come to an even 15, 45 or 75 cents. The law is effective April 1.

The act, providing a levy of one cent for every nickel or major part of a nickel, won't by any mathematical computation permit admission prices at those three figures.

MOVIE TIME

AMBASSADOR
"The Song of Bernadette," at 10:30, 1:12, 3:56, 6:40, 9:24.

FOX
"Miracle of Morgan's Creek," at 1:04, 3:16, 5:28, 7:40, 9:52.

LOEW'S STATE
"What a Woman," at 10:15, 1:14, 4:13, 7:12, 10:11, 1:10 a. m. Sunday; "Crime Doctor's Strangest Case," at 11:52, 2:51, 5:50, 8:49, 11:48.

MISSOURI
"Women in Bondage," at 1:53, 4:40, 7:27, 10:14; "Sultan's Daughter," at 12:40, 3:27, 6:14, 9:01.

ORPHEUM
"Song of Russia," at 10:30, 12:47, 3:04, 5:21, 7:38, 9:55.

ST. LOUIS
"Destination Tokyo," at 2:20, 5:55, 9:30; "She's for Me," at 1:12, 4:47, 8:22.

SHUBERT
"Desert Song," at 12:30, 3:40, 6:50, 10; "Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves," at 2:14, 5:25, 8:35.

ART THEATER
"Heart of a Nation," at 7:15, 9.

Flashes of Life

By the Associated Press.

A Home Front Hero.

BROADUS, Mont. — Rancher Henry Malley found himself snowed in as income tax day approached. So he rolled out his tractor, opened a blocked road, got to town and paid his tax.

Sets Own Traffic Trap.

SEATTLE.—Bart Beard painted a yellow line on the curb in front of his print shop, and then applied for permission to reserve the space as a commercial vehicles zone.

His request was tunred down, but the paint already was there.

A few days later he returned to his car, which he had left out in front, and found a tag for "parking in a prohibited area."

Rolling Stock That Rolled.

PHILADELPHIA.—This is a tale of rolling stock.

Two gondolas loaded with scrap slipped their brakes on a railroad siding at a metal works here. They coasted down a grade, then up a slight rise.

Five minutes later they had rolled back to the starting point, but in the interval they knocked down a brick factory wall and coupled on a flat car carrying a crane. The crane then was in position to unload the metal—which is why it was on the siding.

Regional WLB Orders Pay Rises.

Wage increases of 5 to 25 cents an hour for 372 employes of the American Fixture & Manufacturing Co., 2300 Locust boulevard, were ordered today in a directive of the Regional War Labor Board at Kansas City. The adjustments are retroactive to July 7, 1943, the date of the signing of union contracts. Vacations with pay after one year of service for all employes were ordered also.

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VICTORY Mat. 1:00 4056 Easton — Paul Lukas, 'Lady Vanishes,' Margaret Lockwood; 'Lisbon Clipper Mystery,' John Loder, Anna Lee

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LEMAY 318 Lemay Ferry — Roddy MacDowall, 'Lassie Come Home,' 'Victory Through Air Power.' Shows 6 & 9.
SAVOY Ferguson, Mo. — Don Ameche, 'Happy Land.' Franchot Tone, D. Powell, 'True to Life.'
NORMANDY 7324 Nat. Bridge — Preston Foster, William Bendix, 'Guadalcanal Diary.' M. Lindsay, 'Let's Have Fun.'
SOUTHWAY 9736 S. Broadway — Dorothy Lamour, Betty Hutton, 'Fleet's In.' Ann Sothern, 'Swing Shift Maisie.'
STUDIO 6227 Nat. Bridge — Roddy MacDowall, 'Lassie Come Home.' 'Victory Through Air Power.' Mat. 2 P. M.
O'FALLON 4026 W. Florissant; BADEN PARK FREE 8201 N. Broadway; ASHLAND 3530 N. Newstead — Randolph Scott ★ Noah Beery Jr. 'CORVETTE K-225'; Fred Astaire Joan Leslie 'Sky's The Limit'
QUEENS 4700 Maffitt — Roddy MacDowall, 'Lassie Come Home.' Kenny Baker, F. Morison, 'Silver Skates.'
ROBIN 5479 Robin — Mary Martin, F. Tone, 'True to Life.' Don Ameche, Frances Dee, 'Happy Land.'
BREMEN 20th and Bremen; SALISBURY 2504 Salisbury — Bette Davis Miriam Hopkins 'OLD ACQUAINTANCE'; 'LET'S HAVE FUN' Margaret Lindsay John Beal
JANET 6900 W. Florissant; LOWELL 5038 N. Broadway — Susan Peters Herbert Marshall 'YOUNG IDEAS'; Robt. Donat, 'Adventures of Tartu'
BRIDGE 4889 Natural Bridge — Mary Martin, Dick Powell, 'True to Life.' Don Ameche, Francis Dee, 'Happy Land.'
PAULINE 5000 Claxton — Roddy MacDowall, 'Lassie Come Home.' Kenny Baker, F. Morison, 'Silver Skates.'
MELVIN 2912 Chippewa — Don Ameche, Frances Dee, 'Happy Land.' Don Ameche, 'TRUE TO LIFE.'

BEVERLY 7740 Olive Park Free; GEM St. Johns — Humphrey Bogart Raymond Massey 'Action in the North Atlantic'; 'Behind the Big Top,' Cartoon Freddy Martin Shorts & Serial.
OVERLAND Overland, Mo. — Tom Neal Evelyn Keyes 'There's Something About a Soldier'; 'The Mad Russian.' 'Let's Have Fun.' Cartoon. Serial.
OSAGE Kirkwood, Mo. — GEORGE SANDERS Margaret Chapman 'APPOINTMENT IN BERLIN'; WALT DISNEY'S VICTORY THROUGH AIR POWER
OZARK Webster Groves 2 Shows—Starts 6 — Olivia de Havilland ★ Sonny Tufts 'GOVERNMENT GIRL'; RUTH TERRY Bob Livingston 'PISTOL PACKIN' MAMA'

APOLLO DeBal. & Waterman — 1st Show, 6:45 BETTE DAVIS MIRIAM HOPKINS 'OLD ACQUAINTANCE'; DON AMECHE Frances Dee 'HAPPY LAND'
Compton 3145 Park — Edw. G. Robinson, 'Destroyer.' Laurel & Hardy, 'Dancing Masters.' 5:45.
FAIRY 5640 Easton — 'LASSIE COME HOME' & 'VICTORY THROUGH AIR POWER.'
HI-WAY 2705 N. Flor. — Fred Astaire, Joan Leslie, 'Sky's the Limit.' George Sanders, 'Appointment in Berlin.' First Part 'Masked Marvel,' Serial.
KING BEE 1710 N. Jefferson — Wally Brown, 'Adventures of a Rookie,' 'Red River Robin Hood.' Serial. Cart.
Kirkwood Kirkwood, Mo. — Alice Faye, 'The Gang's All Here' (In Color) & J. Cagney, 'Great Guy.'
Lexington 3408 N. Union — FRED ASTAIRE JOAN LESLIE 'THE SKY'S THE LIMIT'; EDWARD G. ROBINSON 'DESTROYER!' & News
LYRIC CH. 9262 6th Near Pine — RANDOLPH SCOTT 'CORVETTE K-225'; Frank Fay, 'SPOTLIGHT SCANDALS'
Macklind 5416 Arsenal — 3 Features. 'Fired Wife,' 'Man From Thunder River,' 'Falcon and the Co-eds.'
McNAIR 2869 McNair — Humphrey Bogart 'CASABLANCA' (Rated year's best picture) 'The Mad Russian,' Margaret Lindsay, 'LET'S HAVE FUN.' 3 Stooges. Cartoon.

PALM 3010 Union — ALICE FAYE CARMEN MIRANDA 'THE GANG'S ALL HERE'; PENNY SINGLETON (BLONDIE) 'IT'S A GREAT LIFE!' News
Plymouth 1175 Hamilton — MARY MARTIN DICK POWELL 'TRUE TO LIFE'; Don Ameche, 'HAPPY LAND' NEWS AND CARTOON
PRINCESS 2841 Pestalozzi — 9-unit laff riot. 'Adventures of a Rookie' & 'Two Senoritas From Chicago.' 6 color cartoons, 3 stooge com. 6:30 P. M.
RIVOLI Theatre SIXTH ST. NEAR OLIVE — R. Arlen ★ Jean Parker 'ALASKA HIGHWAY'; E. Bracken ★ June Priesser 'SWEATER GIRL'
U. CITY 6324 Bartmer — Dick Powell, Mary Martin, 'True to Life.' Plus Susan Peters, 'Young Ideas.'
Webster Hadley & Clinton — P. Foster, 'Guadalcanal Diary.' B. Watson, 'Nasty Nuisance.' Com. & News.
Wellston 6326 Easton — Hot Oven DINNERWARE 2 Thrilling Westerns 2 DICK FORAN 'THE CHEROKEE STRIP'; Don Red Barry ★ Wally Vernon 'CANYON CITY' Show Starts 6 P. M.

N. SHENANDOAH 2227 S. Broadway — ROBERT DONAT VALERIE HOBSON 'ADVENTURES OF TARTU'; Mary ASTOR-Herbert MARSHALL, 'YOUNG IDEAS'
BRENTWOOD 2520 Brentwood — EDW. G. ROBINSON MARGARET CHAPMAN 'DESTROYER'; Ronald Reagan Jane Bryan 'GIRLS ON PROBATION'
IVANHOE 3239 Ivanhoe — Two Great Technicolor Hits, Roddy McDowall, 'Lassie Come Home.' Walt Disney's 'Victory Thru Air Power'
MARYLAND 1860 S. 13th — Hopalong Cassidy, 'Rustlers' Valley,' T. Holt, Bonita Granville, 'HITLER'S CHILDREN.' 'Spy Smasher.'
WHITE WAY Sixth & Hickory — 2 Shows, open 6 P. M. Hopalong Cassidy, 'Knights of the Range.' J. Lydon, 'Henry Aldrich Swings It.'
LONGWOOD 9415 S. B'way — Red Skelton, Eleanor Powell, 'I Dood It.' Betty Rhodes, McDonald Carey, 'Salute for Three.'
New Merry Widow 17th & Chouteau — 2 Shows, open 5:30. H. Bogart, Dead End Kids, 'Crime School.' D. Foran, 'Song of the Saddle.' Serial.
PEERLESS 1915 S. Broadway — 2 Shows, 6 & 8:30. Gne Autry, 'Gaucho Serenade.' George Sanders, 'Appointment in Berlin.' Serial.

IF YOU ASK My OPINION

By MARTHA CARR

Dear Martha Carr:

I AM age 18, mature for my years, have always dated older fellows, have had several offers of marriage but never cared enough for anyone to settle down. I have always been popular and had many friends in spite of the fact that I have never felt drinking, smoking and necking the proper thing or necessary to a good time. I have always been treated royally by the boys I went with, and perhaps I have been spoiled. However, the boy I am now dating certainly treats me quite differently. I have a quick and nasty temper which never lasts long, and I have been out of humor with him a lot, which has always brought other boys to terms. Not this one—he just laughs, tells me I'm a grand girl but to get out of my head that I'm boss. Then each time we go any place it's where he wants to go, things we do are things he chooses to do. When I ask him why he bothers with me if he considers me a problem he says it's time someone took me in hand. He's quiet and settled and I am finding I am content to just sit around with him or doing whatever he picks out to do. He has told me if he ever finds himself falling in love he'll move on so after each date I worry that it may be the last. He is in the service and will leave in a few months. Does he care for me, and how can I make him say whether he does and how much? Is he merely giving me a dose of my own medicine? He's 24 and old enough to know what's what but sometimes I wonder. FOOLISH.

Letters intended for this column must be addressed to Martha Carr at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Mrs. Carr will answer all questions of general interest, but of course, cannot give advice on matters of a purely legal or medical nature. Those who do not care to have their letters published may enclose an addressed and stamped envelope for personal reply.

Another case of the taming of the shrew perhaps? You have picked yourself a masterful male and his treatment has doubtless been good for you. But you will be a foolish girl if you allow him to become all-dominating. Instead of waiting around meekly for more punishment, how about having another date now and then, keeping a few more strings to your bow, lest you die of heartbreak when the boy leaves, or even perhaps finds another girl? He seems to be a level-headed young man who has resolved on no entanglements as long as there is a war on, and you aren't going to be able to force him into commiting himself if he is strong-minded and has made up his mind that to do so would not be the best thing for either of you. As you say he is 24 and old enough to know what's what.

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IN ANSWER TO "One Who Got Married": Perhaps if you picked up the youngsters and went to visit your family or some close friend for a short while, your husband might realize how difficult this situation has been for you and take action. If this brother mistreats the children, runs around flourishing knives and guns, you can always appeal to the police for protection. The remarks you quote shouldn't really bother you as they are intended I feel sure, as a species of humor, and not to be unkind. Even though it would be money out of your pocket it seems to me that to pay this brother off and own everything yourself outright would be the best solution.

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IN ANSWER TO "T. M.": You must be at least age 18 to be a blood donor, and between that age and 21 you must have your parents' consent before being allowed to give your blood to the Red Cross.

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Barrymore Becomes a Star

Also a Husband for the First of Four Times

By Gene Fowler

Chapter Seven of "Good Night, Sweet Prince," the Life of John Barrymore.

KATHERINE HARRIS, JOHN BARRYMORE'S FIRST WIFE. THEY WERE MARRIED IN 1910, DIVORCED IN 1920. SHE DIED IN 1927.

JACK BARRYMORE now had assumed many of the courtly mannerisms of his uncle John Drew, and much of his wardrobe as well. He was entering upon a "dressy" period, in imitation of his beau ideal, and whenever he needed replenishment of clothes would borrow from Drew.

Many persons were becoming concerned over Jack's drinking and with good cause but Barrymore managed to get stage roles. He held onto parts in Magda and Glad of It and at last, in 1909, he scored a comedy triumph in The Fortune Hunter.

Lionel Barrymore and Kid McCoy, the prizefighter, could get no seats for The Fortune Hunter premiere. They stood during the performance. They saw Jack suddenly become a comedian of first rank. He gave a faultless and vital portrayal of his part. The theater from now on would be enriched by his electric presence, and his fame would grow and endure for as long a time as his own volatile desires permitted.

Lionel and the pugilist went backstage to find a swarm of victory-inspired first-nighters crowding Jack's dressing room. Kid McCoy was all for charging among them, but Lionel said, "No. Wait until they go. Even the catnip of hero worship loses its effect eventually."

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Lionel and Kid McCoy eventually entered the now-cleared room. "Well, Jake," Lionel said, "it looks like you are hooked for good."

"What in hell has happened?" Jack asked. "Who am I?"

"It usually takes me two nights," Lionel replied, "to find out what occurred on the first. You'll live."

"But I'm scared stiff," Jack said. "Why didn't I give a stinking performance?"

"Because," said Lionel, "You couldn't."

Said Jack, "Let's find some hole-in-the-wall that serves liquid dynamite."

The companions went to a small cafe on the East Side to stay up all night.

There was a rain effect in the fourth act of The Fortune Hunter. This stage rain exercised a sublime influence on Jack Barrymore, notwithstanding its commonplace origin in a perforated tin cloud, and its brief journey to the tarpaulins of the Gaiety Theater.

A real rain stirs the emotions of almost everyone, it is said, a sort of mood music. It may bring even to a Bowery wanderer bold remembrance of a time of sheltered serenity, or to an old-maiden recluse in some shuttered brownstone house off Washington Square a dream of dress-uniforms and quadrilles.

Natural rain provoked in Barrymore either of two extremely opposite impulses: to go naked into the downpour, or else to draw the blinds, sit by a fireside and listen to the staccato serenade overhead and the contrapuntal crackling of hearth logs.

"It sounds like all the little beggars of the world," he once observed of the rain noise, "tapping their canes and crutches on the roof as they go out to ask for bread."

The stage shower, artificial though it was and arriving as it did on cue each night, became in Barrymore's fancy a symbol of his own loneliness of heart. His storybook mind ignored the fact that a Mr. John Thompson, and not St. Swithin, was the instigator of this stage rain. And while it was falling at each performance, Jack would think of a fireside. Then he began to associate the fireside with a dressing-gown and slippers, he said, and finally, in that connection, to think of taking a wife.

One night after the tin cloud had run dry, Barrymore changed to evening clothes and left the theater. He found a genuine rain driving down upon New York. This storm accentuated his desire for carpet-slippers. He wondered if it would not be better for him to go home and shut himself in than to attend a debutante's ball to which he had been invited.

The sound of carriage-starters' whistles rose above the rain beats and the traffic noises, the clompings of hack horses, the gongs of street cars. Barrymore found a hansom cab. While exploring his pockets for cigarettes, he came upon the invitation to the ball. He lighted a match to study the address.

The ball was being given for Katherine Corri Harris, a taffy-haired beauty with blue mirrors for eyes. Her parents occupied a comfortable place among those listed in The Social Register, the Koran of Newport and Fifth avenue. The father and mother of this lovely person certainly didn't anticipate that a theatrical weasel would spring the golden trap they had baited for ermine.

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It was prescribed that Katherine leave for Europe, a treatment frequently adopted by socialites to cool the love-fevers of their marriageable daughters. The Harris family might as well have saved themselves the expense. The girl soon returned to America. And in September, the 19-year-old beauty married the 28-year-old victim of the rain.

After the wedding breakfast, the bridegroom announced that he had to "go on the road" with The Fortune Hunter. "It will only be for a year," he told his wife. "We'll be seeing each other at propitious moments."

Upon Jack's return to New York, the couple occupied quarters on the tenth floor of an apartment house on the east side of Gramercy Park. A balcony with a stone balustrade gave from their parlor. Jack would take a chair onto this ledge, sit, then lean back to look up at the gargoyle decorations of the cornice. Katherine had hysterics when her moody spouse teetered dangerously and made faces at the gargoyles.

The inexperienced girl tried hard not to quarrel with Barrymore. But quarrel they did, frequently. It seems that it never was an easy matter for any of his wives to exist happily with him for long in wedlock. Perhaps the bottle may have been the chief cause of each domestic furor; yet in this respect we cannot wholly disregard the implications of Jack's own statement: "Unhappiness increased the drink, and drink increased the unhappiness."

In the spring of 1914, when he was 32, Jack undertook a Byronic flight to Italy. He was still married to Katherine. Not even intimates knew whether marriage or uninspired roles provoked the journey.

Whatever the cause of the hégira, its effect upon Barrymore and the theater as well, would eventually be expressed in terms of meteors. In travels about Italy with young playwright Edward Sheldon, Jack readied himself for dramatic heights. . . .

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Sunday: Barrymore's Courtship of His Second Wife.

My Day -o- By Eleanor Roosevelt

SOMEWHERE IN THE WEST INDIES, Friday.

I THINK I am more deeply impressed by the work of the engineering groups and the Seabees on the different bases on Trinidad than anywhere else, though it is impressive everywhere in this area. In Trinidad the Seabees have cut a base out of the jungle and cleared about 32 square miles. A number of fine roads have been built and one of them looks like an extraordinary feat of engineering.

Sunday morning we visited the naval operating base including the naval air station. Everything was planned in expectation of more active opposition in this area than we have encountered, but our very preparation is what has brought about our safety.

The naval hospital here is a fine hospital with every facility for taking care of the men. There are a few serious accident cases, but all are getting well. One youngster will have a permanent handicap to fight, but he has the stuff to win, I think.

During the day we drove to a high point where there is an extremely interesting station. The officer in charge seemed to feel that he and his men were all one family, and were particularly privileged to be by themselves on top of a mountain! The naval base has many acres of citrus fruit, and if properly taken care of, these orchards ought to provide our men with fresh fruit and be a great asset to the fleet and bases in this area.

Sir Bede Clifford and several of the island officials met me on our arrival in Trinidad, and we met again at a dinner at the Officers' Club at Macqueripe. There is a beautiful view of the harbor from this club, and it is in every way a charming spot with a good swimming beach.

We saw the most wonderful recreation area at Scotland Bay which was developed by the men on the station and the men from the ships which come in here. Everything that anyone could possibly want to do out of doors is at hand. Some of the men were doing some fancy diving; others were practicing upsetting in a rubber boat and climbing back. Basketball, horse shoe pitching, and just lying in the sun with the prospects of food cooked on the out of door grills and soft drinks and beer when they wanted them seemed to provide a good day's outing to all.

I also saw the recreation rooms for enlisted men on the post, and one club for the non-commissioned officers, all of which must help to build up morale — that intangible thing that nobody likes to talk about but which everybody thinks about. In the evening I went to two USO clubs in Port of Spain. Both were well-equipped and crowded.

I would like to mention the work of a colored naval construction unit which has done such good work that it has earned a wonderful reputation among all the officers.

THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME—By Jimmy Hatlo

Relaxation Important To Welfare

By Logan Clendening, M.D.

THE Doctrine of physiological relaxation as recommended by Dr. Edmund Jacobson of Chicago, is certainly an indicated procedure for our time. Americans have always been criticised by Europeans for their tenseness. But the Europeans this time have taught us to be even more tense, at the exact present historical moment.

The Germans and the Italians and the Russians seem to have tensed up during the last decade—even the reputedly phlegmatic British. And they have increased our original tenseness. We are told to strain every sinew for the war effort, and that we should gird ourselves up and, of course, we should; but we do need periods of complete relaxation if we are to keep our health and sanity of view.

According to Dr. Jacobson, and I agree, this has to be done deliberately for most of us. Many do not relax even in sleep. The relaxation so often approved of, a game of golf or other sport, or pursuit of a hobby, or card games, or even warm baths, or massage do not really result in the muscular hypotonia and relief of residual tension which is the distinguishing mark of physiological relaxation.

Dr. Jacobson's methods are simple in appearance, although he warns that they have to be practiced to obtain the best results.

Inspection of the nervous person, and this includes most of us, reveals that he is excessively tense in his skeletal muscles. The first lesson may be to increase deliberately this tenseness. If he is frowning excessively he increases the act until he becomes acutely aware of it. Then he is instructed to discontinue the frowning—first abruptly and then slowly and progressively.

Repeated practice is given until all the over-active muscle groups have become relaxed.

The procedure follows an anatomical order: Relax the left arm muscles, the wrist, the forearm, the upper arm. Then the right arm. Then the left foot, ankle, foreleg and thigh. Then the abdominal muscles, the back, the shoulders, the chest muscles, the neck and the muscles of the face. The frowning muscles and those of the eyes and speech require the most detailed attention and practice because they participate the most in mental activities and strain.

"Physiological evidence has supported the view that fears and anxious mental states can be relaxed away."

It has been found that even professional instructors in physical education cannot learn to relax the first time they try so for most of you it may take regular practice periods for several successive days.

Relaxation is important for refreshing sleep. And one should prepare for night by relaxing during the day. It is a mistake to suppose that the amount of sleep you have is like a savings account; that anything you take from it in the daytime reduces your amount of sleep at night. On the contrary a relaxing nap after lunch or before supper may actually prepare you for a longer sleep at night.

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LENTEN REDUCING DIET.
Menus for Sunday and Monday.
SUNDAY.
Breakfast.

One small baked apple — No cream or sweetening.

Two toasted crackers.

One cup coffee — no cream or sugar.

Dinner.

Average helping roast lamb.

Two tablespoons cauliflower.

One-half cup fruit ice.

One cup tea or coffee—no cream or sugar.

Supper.

One cup black bean soup—serve with lemon, minced onion, riced egg yolk, chopped egg white.

One-half grapefruit—no sweetening.

One cup tea or coffee—no cream or sugar.

MONDAY.
Breakfast.

One orange sliced—no sweetening.

One rusk—no butter or substitute.

One cup coffee—no cream or sugar.

Luncheon.

Cauliflower and lettuce salad—lemon juice, vinegar or mineral oil dressing.

One eight-ounce glass skimmed milk.

One slice toast or two soda crackers—no butter or substitute.

Dinner.

Minced lamb on one slice toast (not creamed).

Two tablespoons diced carrots.

One raw apple or one-half cup apple sauce.

Take My Word For It

By Frank Colby

SATURDAY FORUM.

NEW ORLEANS: Please, what makes a "sad iron" sad?—G. W. W.

Answer: An obsolete meaning of sad is "heavy."

Akron: Please pronounce BUTADIENE.—Mrs. J. C. E.

Answer: First choice: BYOO-tuh-DIE'een. Second choice: BYOO-tuh-die-EEN'.

Northridge: Please say that it is all right to pronounce FOYER to rhyme with the last two syllables of "destroyer."—M. S. M.

Answer: Some dictionaries show it as third choice. All list the French fwah-YAY as first choice. A few show FOY-yay as second choice, but at best it is a hybrid pronunciation, half English, half French.

Oakland: What is the diagonal mark in "and-or" called?—H. W. D.

Answer: The proper name of the stroke is virgule, pronounced: VUR-gyool. It is from the Latin virgula, "a little twig or rod."

Kirkwood: Dorothy Thompson pronounces the last syllable of ARGENTINE to rhyme with "vine, fine." Correct?—A. L. B.

Answer: It is the second choice and the customary British pronunciation. Best American choice is: AHR-jen-teen.

Headline of the week, spotted by O. B. of Dayton: "INVESTIGATE MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF THREE-MONTH-OLD-BRIDE."

How It Started

By Jean Newton

To cherish a serpent in one's bosom.

This metaphor for the basest sin of them all—ingratitude—is a Hellenic legacy. The original allusion is from the fable of a Greek farmer who found a serpent's egg and put it in his bosom. There the warmth of the husbandman's body hatched the egg, the young serpent was released, and immediately it stung to death him who had permitted it to live.

Butterscotch Sauce

Three-fourths cup brown sugar, one-third cup white corn syrup three tablespoons water, two tablespoons butter, three tablespoons milk. Combine brown sugar, corn syrup, water and butter and cook about two minutes or to 230 degrees on candy thermometer. Cool; add milk and blend. If a thinner sauce is desired, add more milk.

Contract Bridge

By Ely Culbertson

IT may be hard to convince any one holding as bad a hand as North held in today's deal, that he can exercise judgment in his bidding, but that is most decidedly the case:

East, dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

North: ♠ 9 2; ♥ 9 7 6; ♦ 8 5 4; ♣ 7 5 4 3 2

West: ♠ J 8 5 4 3; ♥ 10 3 2; ♦ J 9; ♣ J 10 8

East: ♠ K Q 10 6; ♥ 8 4; ♦ 10 7; ♣ A K Q 9 6

South: ♠ A 7; ♥ A K Q J 5; ♦ A K Q 6 3 2; ♣ —

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 club	2 clubs	Pass	2 hearts
Pass	7 hearts (final bid)		

South's leap to the grand slam was not nearly as rash as it may appear. From South's point of view the mere fact that North held at least four hearts meant that there would be an odds-on chance for 13 tricks, since it was almost certain that North could discard enough spades on the long diamond suit and still have a trump left with which to ruff the spade seven.

The difficulty was that North didn't have four hearts! Hence, he had to use all his own trumps in meekly following suit while he drew the adverse trumps, and he couldn't do a thing about South's seven of spades—except concede it.

The fault in this case was not South's. He would have been downright timid if he had bid less than he did with his colossal hand. It was North who was entirely to blame for needlessly responding to the two club cue bid with a three card major suit. True, North had to bid something, but what was wrong with three clubs? That response would have made matters crystal clear to South. He would have known that North was saying, in effect, that he had no suit to mention—that his only length was in the opponents' suit — and that South, therefore, should do his own selecting.

Undoubtedly, if North had given this co-operation, the partners would have ended up in a safe six heart or six diamond contract.

Your Stars

By Marion Drew

WHAT TO EXPECT TOMORROW.
Sun in Pisces.

General tendencies — Many misunderstandings can arise tomorrow because the great increase in activity upon this date. People will want to go places and do things, and some of these plans will fail to agree. The evening is by far the most favorable portion of the period, so make your arrangements for 6 o'clock or after and avoid the rush of untrammeled thought.

If Tomorrow Is Your Birthday.

Your past two years have brought you much confusion, and you may think that 1944 is another of these complex times, but after June has passed things will be different. You are approaching a new era when finances and domestic conditions will both improve, notably in the fall. There is still another change before you, however, but not until two years hence.

WHAT TO EXPECT MONDAY.
Sun in Pisces-Aries.

General tendencies—This is the first day of the astrological year, the point where the sun enters the sign Aries and inaugurates the spring season. We have a new set of conditions after Monday, and we can say sincerely that they are better than those of the immediate past. There may be sudden changes at hand, but no one should complain if the unfamiliar circumstances prove to be beneficial.

If Monday Is Your Birthday.

Your coming year will hold a good share of responsibility, not all of its welcome, but most of it resulting in mental growth. You seem to be doing a bit of housecleaning, figuratively speaking. There are old conditions to weed out, and 1944 offers you an opportunity to dispose of them. Your most active months are directly before you, but watch affairs during June.

Economical Menus for Tomorrow

By Meta Given

THE butcher or the clever housewife armed with a thin-bladed sharp knife, some skewers and stout twine, can do wonders in transforming inexpensive, unappealing cuts of meat into very modern streamlined, compact appearing roasts. When lamb shoulder is boned and neatly rolled and tied, its appearance can compete with leg of lamb, and if it is properly roasted, the flavor will be just as delicious. Save the bones, brown them carefully in fat—or if you can obtain some bone marrow from the butcher, brown the bones carefully in the marrow without scorching. When browned, cover with water, add a branch of celery, a carrot, an onion and a very small piece of bay leaf. Then simmer for two or three hours to obtain a rich tasting broth to make gravy in the roasting pan when the roast has finished cooking.

Roast Lamb Shoulder.
(Mint Barbecue Sauce.)

Have a shoulder of lamb boned and rolled. Cut small gashes or pockets here and there and insert slices of garlic. (Remove garlic before serving.) Rub with one tablespoon salt and one-fourth teaspoon pepper and place on rack in uncovered roasting pan. Let roast without water or flour added for approximately 35 minutes per pound, or until meat thermometer registers "well done" (325 degrees Fahrenheit). During the last hour baste frequently with the following barbecue sauce:

Melt two tablespoons butter, one-half cup mint jelly and two tablespoons vinegar together with one-half teaspoon dry mustard. Serve additional barbecue sauce with sliced roast. Serves three to the pound of boned meat.

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MENUS FOR SUNDAY.
Breakfast.

Orange and grapefruit juice, one No. 2 can; omelette, four eggs; toast, eight slices enriched bread; jelly, one-fourth cup.

Dinner.

Roast lamb shoulder, see recipe above; four pounds lamb; gravy, one and one-half cups milk, three tablespoons flour; potato puff, one and one-half pounds mashed, combined with one-half cup milk, three tablespoons margarine, browned in casserole; spinach and beet salad, one-half pound raw spinach, one bunch beets, cooked, sliced, served with French dressing; fruit compote, one fresh pineapple, cubed; one apple cubed, two oranges cubed, sugar, maraschino cherries (serve half); cloverleaf rolls, eight bought; oatmeal cookies, bought.

Supper.

Shrimp wiggle, cook one-half pound fresh shrimps and one pound fresh peas, add one-half cup medium white sauce, seasonings; toast or rye crisp, enriched bread, or rye crisp; fruit compote, remainder; butter or fortified margarine used on all breads. Include in today's menus, milk to drink; six cups for children, two cups for adults. Beverage for adults as desired.

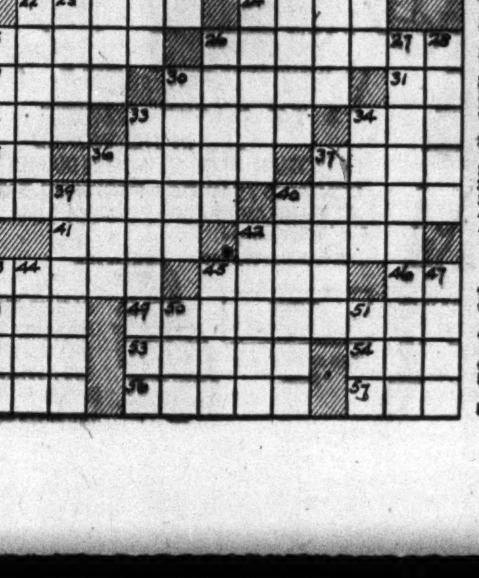
Plums Supreme

One package cherry flavored gelatin; one cup hot water; one cup plum juice; one cup canned plums.

Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Add plum juice. Chill until slightly thickened. Add plums and pour into molds that have been rinsed with cold water. Chill thoroughly.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Deep hole
4. Large plants
9. Salutation
12. Town in Pennsylvania
13. Rough
14. Note of the crow
15. Development
17. Employ
18. Palm lily
19. Chills
20. Arrives
22. Recreational contests
24. Change position
25. Sounds
26. Is penitent
29. Branches of learning
30. Plainer
31. By
32. Dance step
33. Small inlets
34. Arabian garment
35. Pronoun
36. Stage parts
37. State positively
38. Complained
40. Toward the left of a vessel
41. Urges
43. Crustacean
45. Go silently
46. Bazaar
48. Exist
49. Summit
49. Deep bow
52. Unrefined metal
53. Carried
54. Poorly
55. Scotch city
56. Ancient slaves
57. Rent



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SYRINGE SEN
TOES AWAKE OF
ERS OPERA ADA
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TOT STIVERS
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LON MAD KNAVE
INK ABET IRIS
DOE NANA NAST
ERR STYX GLEE

Solution Of Yesterday's Puzzle

DOWN
1. Bard
2. Animate
3. Also
4. Armistices
5. Fixed charges
6. Protection
7. Self
8. Fainting fits
9. Keenness of mind
10. Flower container
11. Sheep
16. Citrus fruits
21. Finished
23. Insects
24. Small lakes
25. South American animal
26. Talked with enthusiasm
27. House of worship
28. Move suddenly
30. Tree trunks
33. Form into a ball
34. Acknowledge openly
36. European city
37. Armadillo
39. Young tree frog
40. Ascends
42. Signer of the Declaration of Independence
43. Greek portico
44. Extreme conservative
45. Flowerless plant
47. Fuse
50. Genus of the cow
51. Nothing

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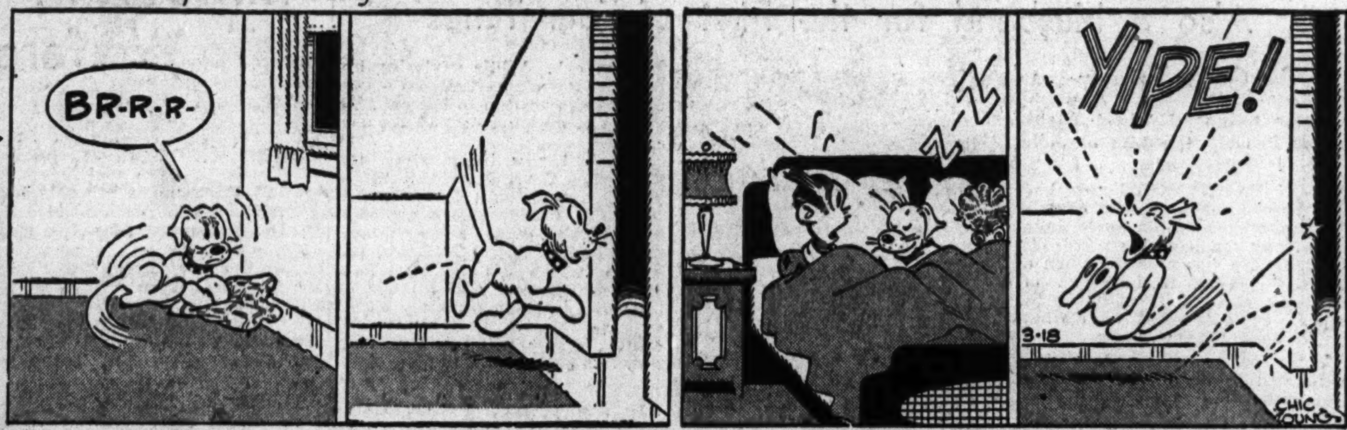

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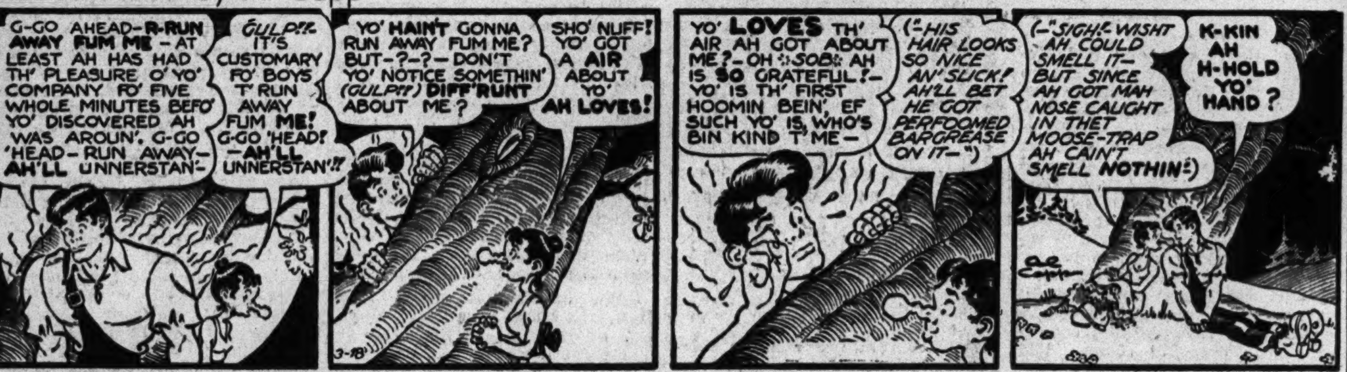

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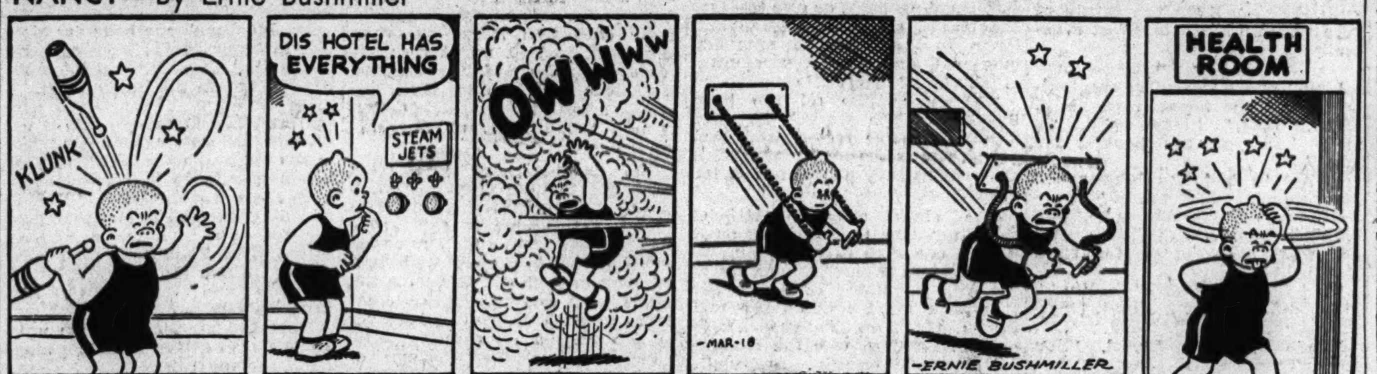

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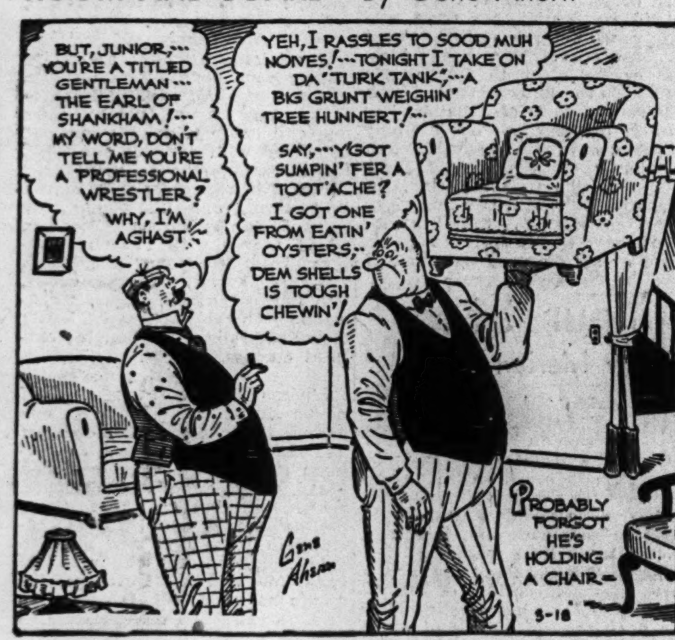

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